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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse,  
New York,

Debtor.

Case No. 20-30663 (WAK)

Chapter 11 Case

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**FOURTH AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION  
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## INTRODUCTION

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the “Diocese”), and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”), jointly propose the following Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) pursuant to chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code. The Diocese and the Committee are the proponents of this Plan (the “Plan Proponents”) and the accompanying Disclosure Statement (the “Disclosure Statement”) within the meaning of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

This Plan provides for the financial restructuring of the Diocese and the settlement of all, or substantially all, Claims against the Diocese, including, without limitation, the settlement of all Abuse Claims against the Diocese and the Participating Parties.

As set forth in more detail below, the Plan (i) provides for payment in full of all Administrative Claims, Priority Tax Claims, Non-Tax Priority Claims, Professional Fee Claims, and U.S. Trustee Fee Claims, (ii) modifies the rights of holders of certain Allowed Secured Claims in accordance with section 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, (iii) leaves unimpaired any Pass-Through claims, (iv) provides deferred payments equal to the full Allowed amount of any General Unsecured Claims, and (v) establishes the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund to be held by the Trust to compensate holders of Abuse Claims. Inbound Contribution Claims against the Diocese are disallowed and extinguished pursuant to the Plan.

The Plan’s treatment of Abuse Claims represents the culmination of more than 3 years of negotiation between the Diocese and the Committee in its capacity as an advocate on behalf of all Abuse Claimants and has been approved by the Committee in consultation with attorneys representing Committee members who collectively represent approximately forty-five percent (45%) of all Abuse Claimants who have asserted Abuse Claims against the Diocese (“State Court Counsel”).

The Plan provides that funding for the Trust and the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund will be provided from, among other potential sources of recovery, a monetary contribution by the Diocese and other Participating Parties in the aggregate amount of up to \$100,000,000, which may include up to \$15 million to be evidenced by the DOS Trust Note. The Plan also provides for the assignment of certain Insurance Claims to the Trust.

To the extent the Diocese and the Committee can reach agreement on an Insurance Settlement Agreement or other terms of settlement with respect to Insurance Claims against Non-Settling Insurers prior to confirmation of the Plan, the Plan provides that such Non-Settling Insurers may become Settling Insurers and for settlement proceeds resulting therefrom to be used to further supplement the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund. To the extent no settlement is achieved, the Plan provides for the assignment of Insurance Claims held by the Diocese or other Participating Parties to the Trust, and establishes a framework for post-confirmation litigation of Insurance Claims and other Litigation Claims seeking recovery from Non-Settling Insurers. The Committee, in consultation with State Court Counsel representing approximately forty-five percent (45%) of all Abuse Claimants, has acknowledged and accepted the risk inherent in pursuing post-confirmation recovery from Non-Settling Insurers in the absence of a settlement.

All holders of Claims against the Diocese are encouraged to read this Plan and the Disclosure Statement and other Plan Documents in their entirety before voting to accept or reject this Plan. Among other information, the Disclosure Statement contains discussions regarding the Diocese, events prior to and during the Chapter 11 Case, and a summary and analysis of the Plan. No solicitation materials, other than the Disclosure Statement, have been authorized by the Bankruptcy Court for use in soliciting acceptances or rejections of the Plan.

The Plan Documents, once Filed, can be obtained free of charge by visiting the Diocese's case management website at <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefsyracuse>, and shall also be available for review in the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court during the Bankruptcy Court's normal hours of operation. Holders of Claims may also obtain copies of the Plan Documents by contacting counsel for the Diocese in writing at the address on the cover page of the Plan. Each Plan Document is an integral part of the Plan and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of the Plan.

## SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### 1.1 Definitions.

The following terms used herein shall have the respective meanings defined below:

1.1.1 ***Abuse*** means any actual or alleged sexual conduct or misconduct, sexual abuse or molestation, indecent assault and/or battery, rape, pedophilia, ephebophilia, or sexually-related physical, psychological, or emotional harm, or contacts, or interactions of a sexual nature between a child and an adult, or a nonconsenting adult and another adult, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual psychological or emotional abuse, humiliation, or intimidation, or any other sexual misconduct, including (i) any sexual offence as defined in article one hundred thirty of the New York Penal Law, (ii) incest in the first, second, or third degree as defined in sections 255.27, 255.26 and 255.25 of the Penal Law, (iii) the use of a child in a sexual performance as defined in section 263.05 of the Penal Law; or (iv) any offence included in 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251, 2251A 2252, 2252A, and 2260.

1.1.2 ***Abuse Action*** means a lawsuit asserting an Abuse Claim against the Diocese or any Participating Party.

1.1.3 ***Abuse Claim*** means any Claim that has been asserted, or could be asserted, against the Diocese or any Participating Party, arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from Abuse occurring in whole or in part prior to the Petition Date, and seeking monetary damages or any other relief, under any theory of liability, including vicarious liability, any negligence-based theory, contribution, indemnity, or any other theory based on any acts or failures to act by the Diocese or any Participating Party, or by any other Person for whose acts or failures to act the Diocese or any Participating Party is or was allegedly responsible, including, without limitation, all Adult Abuse Claims, Child Abuse Claims, Timely-Filed Abuse Claims, Late-Filed Abuse Claims, and Unknown Abuse Claims, against the Diocese or any Participating Party, whether or not such Claims also involve the conduct of Joint Tortfeasors and whether or not such Claims arise under, or were revived pursuant to, the CVA or the ASA, and whether or not a proof of claim has been Filed or an Abuse Action has been commenced with respect to such Claim.

1.1.4 ***Abuse Claim Discharge Date*** means the date on which the Diocese Discharge becomes effective with respect to an Abuse Claim, as determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.2.3 of the Plan.

1.1.5 ***Abuse Claimant*** means the holder of an Abuse Claim.

1.1.6 ***Abuse Claims Reviewer*** means the person or entity, including the designee of such person or entity, who will assess Abuse Claims under the Allocation Protocol.

1.1.7 ***Abuse Claims Settlement Fund*** means a fund established by the Trust from which Distributions to Class 5 Claims will be made.

1.1.8 ***Action*** means any lawsuit, proceeding, or other action in a court, or any arbitration.



1.1.9 **Administrative Claim** means a Claim against the Diocese for payment of an administrative expense of a kind specified in section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and entitled to priority pursuant to section 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, including, but not limited to: (i) any actual and necessary costs and expenses, incurred after the Petition Date, of preserving the Estate and operating the business of the Diocese; (ii) Professional Fee Claims; (iii) any Claim specified in section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code; (iv) all fees and charges assessed against the Estate under chapter 123 of title 28 of the United States Code; and (v) any Claim arising from or related to any Abuse alleged to have first occurred after the Petition Date but prior to the Effective Date, unless the Diocese elects to treat such Claim as a Pass-Through Claim.

1.1.10 **Administrative Claims Bar Date** means the deadline for filing requests for payment of Administrative Claims, as follows: (i) with respect to Administrative Claims other than Professional Fee Claims, shall be 30 days after the Effective Date; and (ii) with respect to Professional Fee Claims, shall be 60 days after the Effective Date.

1.1.11 **Adult Abuse Claim** means a Claim alleging Abuse which occurred at a time when the Abuse Claimant was 18 years of age or older.

1.1.12 **Agent** means any past and present employee; officer; director; managing agent or other agent; shareholder; principal; teacher; staff; member; board member; administrator; priest; deacon; brother, sister, nun, or other member of a religious order; clergy; Person bound by a monastic vow; volunteer; attorney; claim handling administrator; and representatives of a Person, in each case in their capacities as such.

1.1.13 **Alleged Insured** has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 12.5.2.b. of the Plan.

1.1.14 **Allocation Protocol** or **Abuse Claim Allocation Protocol** means the protocol for allocation of the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund developed by the Committee, attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated into the Trust Agreement.

1.1.15 **Allowed** means, with respect to any Non-Abuse Claim or any portion thereof, a Claim or portion thereof: (i) that has been allowed by a Final Order; (ii) which is included on the Diocese's Schedules as not disputed, not contingent and not unliquidated, for which no proof of claim has been timely Filed and as to which no objection has been Filed by the Claims Objection Deadline; (iii) as to which a proof of claim in a liquidated and non-contingent amount has been timely Filed and as to which no objection has been Filed by the Claims Objection Deadline or any objection has been settled or withdrawn, or has been denied by a Final Order; or (iv) that is expressly allowed by the terms of this Plan.

1.1.16 **Arrowood 2004 Motion** means the Committee's motion seeking authorization to issue subpoenas to Arrowood Indemnity Co., Filed in the Chapter 11 Case at Docket No. 1391.

1.1.17 **ASA** means the New York Adult Survivors Act, which was codified in the New York Civil Practice Law & Rules 214-j. The Adult Survivors Act created a one-year window from November 24, 2022 to November 23, 2023 for the revival of previously time-barred civil claims concerning Abuse that occurred after the Claimant reached eighteen years of age.

1.1.18 **ASA Deadline** means November 23, 2023.

1.1.19 **Avoidance Action** means any (i) state law fraudulent transfer claim; (ii) claim pursuant to sections 502(d), 541-545, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552(b), or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code against any Person; and (iii) claim pursuant to section 510 N.Y. Business Corporation Law or any law of similar effect.

1.1.20 **Abuse Claim Ballot** means the ballot approved by the Court for Abuse Claimants to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

1.1.21 **Bankruptcy Code** means title 11 of the United States Code, as now in effect or hereafter applicable to the Chapter 11 Case.

1.1.22 **Bankruptcy Court** means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York and any Court having competent jurisdiction to hear appeals or *certiorari* proceedings therefrom, or any successor thereto that may be established by any act of Congress, or otherwise, and which has competent jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Case or the Plan.

1.1.23 **Bankruptcy Rules** means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as amended.

1.1.24 **Bar Date** means the deadline by which proofs of claim forms for prepetition Claims, including Abuse Claims, were required to be Filed against the Diocese, which was April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) with respect to all Claims other than Adult Abuse Claims, and January 17, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. with respect to Adult Abuse Claims.

1.1.25 **Business Day** means any day of the calendar week, except Saturday, Sunday, a “legal holiday”, as defined in Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a), any day on which commercial banks are authorized or required by law to close in Syracuse, New York, and any day on which the Diocese’s business offices are closed in observance of a religious holiday.

1.1.26 **Cash** means cash and cash equivalents including, without limitation, checks and wire transfers.

1.1.27 **Channeled Claim** means any Abuse Claim, Inbound Contribution Claim, Medicare Claim, Extra-Contractual Claim, or any other Claim against the Diocese or any Protected Party arising from or related in any way to an Abuse Claim or any of the Settling Insurer Policies, whenever and wherever arising or asserted, whether sounding in tort, contract, warranty, or any other theory of law, equity, or admiralty, including without limitation all Claims by way of direct action, subrogation, contribution, indemnity, alter ego, statutory or regulatory action, or otherwise, Claims for exemplary or punitive damages, for attorneys’ fees and other expenses, or for any equitable remedy; *provided, however*, that “**Channeled Claims**” shall not include: (i) a Claim against an individual who perpetrated an act of Abuse; (ii) a claim against any religious order, diocese, or archdiocese, unless such entity is identified as a Participating Party on **Exhibit A**; (iii) a Claim against an Excluded Insurer; or (iv) a Claim exempted from the injunctions set forth in Sections 12.2.1 and 12.3 of the Plan pursuant to Sections 12.2.2.a and 12.2.2.b of the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt (i) a Channeled Claim includes any Claim against a Protected

Party based on allegations that it is an alter ego of a Person that is not a Protected Party or that the Protected Party's corporate veil should be pierced on account of Claims against a Person that is not a Protected Party or based on any other theory under which the legal separateness of any Person and any other Person may be disregarded to impose liability for a claim on either such Person, and (ii) notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Claim asserted against a Non-Settling Insurer shall not be a Channeled Claim prior to the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date; *provided, however*, upon the occurrence of such Abuse Claim Discharge Date, such Claim shall immediately and without further action become a Channeled Claim unless it is a Claim of the type specified in Sections 12.2.2.a or 12.2.2.b of the Plan.

1.1.28 ***Channeling Injunction*** is the injunction contained in Section 12.3 of this Plan.

1.1.29 ***Chapter 11*** means chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.30 ***Chapter 11 Case*** means the above-captioned bankruptcy case.

1.1.31 ***Child Abuse Claim*** means a Claim alleging Abuse which occurred at a time when the Abuse Claimant was less than 18 years of age.

1.1.32 ***Child Protection Protocols*** means the document entitled "Child Protection Protocols for The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York" and the related documents attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 6**.

1.1.33 ***Claimant*** means any Person who alleges or alleged any Claim.

1.1.34 ***Claim*** means a claim, as that term is defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, any claim, Action, assertion of right, complaint, cross-complaint, counterclaim, liabilities, obligations, rights, request, allegation, mediation, litigation, direct action, administrative proceeding, cause of action, Lien, encumbrances, indemnity, equitable indemnity, right of subrogation, equitable subrogation, defense, injunctive relief, controversy, contribution, exoneration, covenant, agreement, promise, act, omission, trespass, variance, damages, judgment, compensation, set-off, reimbursement, restitution, cost, expense, loss, exposure, execution, attorney's fee, obligation, order, affirmative defense, writ, demand, inquiry, request, directive, obligation, proof of claim in a bankruptcy proceeding or submitted to a trust established pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, government claim or Action, settlement, and/or any liability whatsoever, whether past, present or (to the extent it arises prior to the Effective Date) future, known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, fixed or contingent, matured or unmatured, liquidated or unliquidated, direct, indirect or otherwise consequential, whether in law, equity, admiralty, under the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise, whether currently known or unknown, whether compromised, settled or reduced to a consent judgment, that may exist now or hereinafter for property damages, compensatory damages (such as loss of consortium, wrongful death, survivorship, proximate, consequential, general and special damages), punitive damages, bodily injury, personal injury, public and private claims, or any other right to relief whether sounding in tort, contract, extra-contractual or bad faith, statute, strict liability, equity, nuisance, trespass, statutory violation, wrongful entry or eviction or other eviction

or other invasion of the right of private occupancy, and any amounts paid in respect of any judgment, order, decree, settlement, contract, or otherwise.

1.1.35 ***Claims Objection Deadline*** means, with respect to any Non-Abuse Claim, the date which is 90 days after the latter of the Effective Date and the date such Claim is Filed.

1.1.36 ***Class*** means a class or category of Claims as classified and described in Section 2 of this Plan.

1.1.37 ***Class 1 Claim*** means the Secured Claim held by KeyBank.

1.1.38 ***Class 2 Claim*** means the Secured Claim held by NBT Bank.

1.1.39 ***Class 3 Claim*** means a Pass-Through Claim.

1.1.40 ***Class 4 Claim*** means a General Unsecured Claim that is not an Abuse Claim.

1.1.41 ***Class 5 Claim*** means an Abuse Claim.

1.1.42 ***Class 6 Claim*** means an Inbound Contribution Claim.

1.1.43 ***CMS*** means the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, located at 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850 and/or any other Agent or successor Person charged with responsibility for monitoring, assessing, or receiving reports made under MMSEA for reimbursement of Medicare Claims.

1.1.44 ***Committee*** means the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Case by the United States Trustee pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code, as constituted from time to time, but does not mean the members of the Committee in their individual capacities.

1.1.45 ***Confirmation Date*** means the date the Confirmation Order is entered by the clerk of the Court on the Court's docket.

1.1.46 ***Confirmation Hearing*** means the hearing on confirmation of this Plan pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.47 ***Confirmation Order*** means the order entered by the Court confirming this Plan in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.48 ***Consenting Abuse Claim*** means any and all Abuse Claims held by a Consenting Abuse Claimant.

1.1.49 ***Consenting Abuse Claimant*** means any holder of an Abuse Claim who has not either (i) affirmatively indicated on their Abuse Claim Ballot that they are withholding

their consent to the releases and injunctions provided for in the Plan with respect to the Protected Parties; or (ii) Filed a timely objection to confirmation of the Plan indicating that they are withholding their consent to the releases and injunctions provided for in the Plan with respect to the Protected Parties. After the Effective Date, a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant may become a Consenting Abuse Claimant by means of the procedure set forth in Sections 4.4.6 and 4.5.1.c of the Plan.

1.1.50 ***Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement*** means an agreement, in the form attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 2**, releasing the Diocese and all Protected Parties from any and all Abuse Claims held by a Consenting Abuse Claimant in accordance with the terms of this Plan, to be executed by Consenting Abuse Claimants as a condition of receiving any Distribution.

1.1.51 ***Court*** means the Bankruptcy Court, the District Court, or any court with appellate jurisdiction over any order entered by the Bankruptcy Court and/or the District Court in the Chapter 11 Case, as applicable.

1.1.52 ***C.P.L.R.*** means the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules.

1.1.53 ***Creditor*** means a holder of a Claim.

1.1.54 ***CVA*** means New York Child Victim's Act, which was codified in the New York Civil Practice Law & Rules 214-g. The CVA created a one-year window from August 14, 2019 to August 13, 2020 for the revival of previously time-barred civil claims related to childhood sexual abuse, which was subsequently extended to August 13, 2021.

1.1.55 ***CVA Deadline*** means August 13, 2021.

1.1.56 ***Denial Order*** means an order of any court of competent jurisdiction determining that the Diocese and/or any Participating Party (as applicable) does not have any liability on account of a Litigation Claimant's Abuse Claim.

1.1.57 ***Diocese*** means The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, the debtor and debtor in possession in this Chapter 11 Case.

1.1.57 ***Diocese Abuse Claims Settlement Sub-Fund*** means that portion of the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund consisting solely of those funds remaining from the Diocese Cash Contribution after the Trust Reserve has been fully funded in accordance with Section 8.2.1 of the Plan. For avoidance of doubt, no portion of any of (i) the Participating Parties' Cash Contribution, (ii) the Settling Insurers' Cash Contribution, (iii) any payment by a Settling Insurer pursuant to an Insurance Settlement Agreement, (iv) any Insurance Claim Proceeds, (v) proceeds of Litigation Awards, (vi) proceeds of Outbound Contribution Claims, (vii) proceeds of the DOS Trust Note (if any), or (viii) any other proceeds which the Trust may obtain pursuant to the terms of the Plan shall be included in the Diocese Abuse Claim Settlement Sub-Fund.

1.1.58 ***Diocese Cash Contribution*** means that portion of the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution funded by the Diocese.

1.1.59 **Diocese Discharge** means the complete extinguishment of the liability of the Diocese in respect to any Claim or debt, as and to the extent further described in Section 12 of the Plan.

1.1.60 **Disallowed** means, with respect to a Claim, or any portion thereof, that such Claim or portion thereof: (i) has been disallowed by either a Final Order or pursuant to a settlement or stipulation between the Diocese and the holder of the Claim; or (ii)(a) is valued on the Diocese's Schedules at zero dollars (\$0) or denominated as contingent, disputed or unliquidated, and (b) as to which a Bar Date has been established but no proof of claim has been Filed or deemed timely Filed pursuant to either the Bankruptcy Code or any Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise deemed timely Filed under applicable law.

1.1.61 **Disputed** means, with respect to a Claim, or any portion thereof, that such Claim or portion thereof is neither an Allowed Claim nor a Disallowed Claim, and includes, without limitation, all Abuse Claims and Inbound Contribution Claims together with any Non-Abuse Claim that: (i) is not included on the Diocese's Schedules or is reflected on the Schedules as being valued at zero dollars, or as contingent, unliquidated or disputed; or (ii) is the subject of an objection Filed in the Bankruptcy Court that has not been withdrawn or overruled by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

1.1.62 **Disclosure Statement** means the Disclosure Statement to accompany this Plan dated March 5, 2024 as altered, modified or amended in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules.

1.1.63 **Distribution** means any payment to the holder of a Claim as provided in this Plan.

1.1.64 **Distribution Claim** means any Abuse Claim held by a Distribution Claimant.

1.1.65 **Distribution Claimant** means an Abuse Claimant who is not a Litigation Claimant or a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant.

1.1.66 **District Court** means the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York.

1.1.67 **Donor Restrictions** means, with respect to any charitable assets in the Diocese's possession or control, any donor imposed restrictions upon the use of such assets.

1.1.68 **DOS Entities' Cash Contribution** means cash or cash equivalents in an amount not less than \$85,000,000 and not more than \$100,000,000, to be contributed by or on behalf of the Diocese and the Participating Parties to the Trust and used to fund the payment of Abuse Claims and Trust Expenses pursuant to the Plan and the Trust Agreement.

1.1.69 **DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs** means all fees and expenses reasonably incurred by the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese or the Participating Parties in connection with performing any of their respective duties or obligations under the Plan with respect to any Abuse Claims or Insurance Claims, including, without limitation, in connection with: (i) any

attempt by the Trust to enforce or recover Insurance Claims against Non-Settling Insurers; (ii) responding to and defending against any legal action taken by any Litigation Claimants with respect to Litigation Claims; or (iii) upon request by the Trustee or the Abuse Claims Reviewer, assisting with the administration of the Allocation Protocol. For the avoidance of doubt, such costs include any costs and expenses incurred by the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese or the Participating Parties in connection with such efforts by the Trust or Consenting Abuse Claimants, or in connection with any depositions, discovery, or other litigation matters relating in any way to Consenting Abuse Claims or Insurance Claims, including, without limitation, any attorney's fees, expert fees, applicable self-insured retention obligations, if any, arising out of any Consenting Abuse Claim or under any Non-Settling Insurer Policy, and other costs and expenses, but shall not include costs associated with defending against, or paying any liability associated with, Non-Participating Abuse Claims, except to the extent necessary to satisfy the Diocese's applicable self-insured retention obligations, if any, with respect to a Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim.

1.1.70 ***DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Procedures*** means the procedures set forth in Section 8.11 of the Plan for the payment of DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs.

1.1.71 ***DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve*** means a portion of the Trust Reserve held in a separate, segregated account established by the Trust exclusively for payment of DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs, which shall be funded in the initial amount of not less than \$3,000,000.

1.1.72 ***DOS Trust Note*** means a promissory note in an original principal amount equal to the difference, if any, between \$100,000,000 and the amount of the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution, to be executed by the Reorganized Diocese and made payable to the Trust over a period of three years with no interest to accrue in the first year, in the form attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 10**.

1.1.73 ***DOS Trust Note Documents*** means the DOS Trust Note and the DOS Trust Security Agreement.

1.1.74 ***DOS Trust Security Agreement*** means a commercial security agreement, in the form attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 11**, granting to the Trust a security interest and Lien in all personal property of the Reorganized Diocese that is not subject to Donor Restrictions; *provided, however*, that such security interest and Lien shall be subordinate in all respects to any and all security interests and Liens of (i) KeyBank pursuant to the Key Secured Debt Documents and the terms of this Plan, (ii) NBT Bank pursuant to the NBT Secured Debt Documents and the terms of this Plan, and (iii) any Exit Financing Lender pursuant to their respective Exit Financing Documents and the terms of this Plan.

1.1.75 ***Effective Date*** means (i) the last Business Day of the month in which (a) all conditions to effectiveness of this Plan have been satisfied or waived in accordance with Sections 11.1 and 11.2 of the Plan, and (b) no stay of the Confirmation Order is in effect; *provided, however*, that if the first date on which all conditions to effectiveness or of the Plan have been satisfied or waived occurs on or after the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of such month, the Effective Date

shall occur on the last Business Day of the immediately following month; or (ii) such other date as may be mutually agreed by both Plan Proponents and all Settling Insurers.

1.1.76 **Estate** means the estate of the Diocese created by the Diocese's Chapter 11 Case pursuant to section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.77 **Excluded Insurer Claims** means Claims, causes of action and enforceable rights of an Abuse Claimant, the Diocese and any Participating Party against an Excluded Insurer, whether sounding in contract, tort, or otherwise, including equity and bad faith.

1.1.78 **Excluded Insurer** means Ace Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Insurance Company of North America, and Westchester Fire Insurance Company.

1.1.79 **Excluded Insurer Policy** means any Insurance Policy that any Excluded Insurer issued, subscribed any interest in, or has underwritten any risk in.

1.1.80 **Exculpated Parties** means the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, the Diocese's Professionals, the Committee, the Committee's Professionals, the Mediators, the Participating Parties, the Settling Insurers, and Related Persons of the foregoing Persons and entities.

1.1.81 **Exit Financing** means any loan or other financing arrangement entered into by the Diocese and/or Reorganized Diocese (i) prior to the Effective Date to fund any portion of the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution or (ii) at any time to fund any portion of the Reorganized Diocese's payment obligations under the DOS Trust Note (if any).

1.1.82 **Exit Financing Documents** means any promissory note, credit agreement, security agreement, mortgage, or other documents required by any Exit Financing Lender in connection with their extension of Exit Financing to the Diocese and/or Reorganized Diocese.

1.1.83 **Exit Financing Lender** means any Person who provides Exit Financing to the Diocese and/or the Reorganized Diocese.

1.1.84 **Extra-Contractual Claim** means any Claim against any Settling Insurer, in its capacity as an Insurer, seeking any type of relief other than coverage or benefits under the Insurance Policies. Extra-Contractual Claims include Claims for compensatory, exemplary, or punitive damages, or attorneys' fees, interests, costs, or any other type of relief, alleging with respect to (i) any Insurance Policy; (ii) any Claim allegedly or actually covered under an Insurance Policy; or (iii) the conduct of a Settling Insurer with respect to (i) or (ii): (a) bad faith; (b) failure to provide insurance coverage under any Insurance Policy; (c) failure or refusal to compromise and settle any Claim insured under any Insurance Policy; (d) failure to act in good faith; (e) violation of any covenant or duty of good faith and fair dealing; (f) violation of any state insurance codes, state surplus lines statutes or similar codes or statutes; (g) violation of any unfair claims practices act or similar statute, regulation or code; (h) any type of misconduct; or (i) any other act or omission of any type by a Settling Insurer for which the claimant seeks relief other than coverage or benefits under an Insurance Policy. Extra-Contractual Claims include all Claims relating to the Settling Insurers' (x) handling of any Insurance Claims under the Insurance Policies, (y) conduct in



negotiating the Insurance Settlement Agreements and the Plan, and (z) conduct in the settlement of any Insurance Claims.

1.1.85 **File** or **Filed** means properly filed with the clerk of the Court in the Chapter 11 Case or any appeal therefrom, as reflected on the official docket of the clerk of the Court for the Chapter 11 Case or such appeal, or the actual delivery of proofs of claim in paper or electronic form to Stretto in accordance with the terms of the Bankruptcy Court's *Bar Date Order Establishing April 15, 2021 as the Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim and Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof* [Docket No. 214] and *Order Establishing Supplemental Bar Date for Adult Claims* [Docket No. 1083].

1.1.86 **Filed Abuse Claim** means any Timely-Filed Abuse Claim or Late-Filed Abuse Claim.

1.1.87 **Final Order** means an order as to which the time to appeal, petition for *certiorari*, petition for review, or move for reargument or rehearing has expired and as to which no appeal, petition for *certiorari*, or other proceedings for reargument or rehearing shall then be pending or as to which any right to appeal, petition for *certiorari*, review, reargue, or rehear shall have been waived in writing in form and substance satisfactory to the Diocese or, in the event that an appeal, *writ of certiorari*, petition for review, or reargument or rehearing thereof has been sought, such order shall have been affirmed by the highest court to which such order was appealed, or *certiorari* or review has been denied or from which reargument or rehearing was sought, and the time to take any further appeal, petition for *certiorari*, petition for review, or move for reargument or rehearing shall have expired; *provided, however*, that the possibility that a motion pursuant to section 502(j) or 1144 of the Bankruptcy Code, or Rule 59 or Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any analogous rule under the Bankruptcy Rules or applicable state court rules of civil procedure may be, but has not been, Filed with respect to such order shall not cause such order not to be a Final Order.

1.1.88 **General Unsecured Claim** means a Claim against the Diocese of any kind or nature including, without limitation, on account of trade credit, contract, personal injury (other than personal injury arising from or related to Abuse), or arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease, that (i) is not secured by property of the Estate or otherwise entitled to treatment as a secured claim under section 506 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) is not otherwise entitled to priority under sections 503 or 507 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iii) is not otherwise an Abuse Claim, Administrative Claim, Professional Fee Claim, Claim for U.S. Trustee Fees, Priority Tax Claim, Non-Tax Priority Claim, Secured Claim, or Pass-Through Claim.

1.1.89 **Impaired** means, with respect to any Class, that such Class is "impaired" under the Plan within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.90 **Inbound Contribution Claim** means any Claim against the Diocese or any Participating Party asserting rights of contribution, indemnity, equitable indemnity, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation, reallocation, reimbursement, or any other direct, indirect or derivative recovery, arising from or related to any Abuse Claim.

1.1.91 ***Insurance Claims*** means all Claims, causes of action and enforceable rights against an Insurer that is not an Excluded Insurer, whether sounding in contract, tort, or otherwise, including equity and bad faith, held by: (i) the Diocese or an Abuse Claimant for any reason related to any Abuse Claim asserted or alleged against the Diocese, including those for (a) indemnity and payment of any such Abuse Claim, (b) any Insurer's failure or refusal to provide insurance coverage for any such Abuse Claim under any Insurance Policy, (c) any Insurer's tortious or wrongful claims handling including the failure or refusal of any Insurer to timely compromise and settle any such Abuse Claims against the Diocese pursuant to any Insurance Policy, (d) to the extent not otherwise encompassed by section (c) above, any Insurer's failure or refusal to reasonably settle such Abuse Claims, and (e) the interpretation or enforcement of the terms of any Insurance Policy as it pertains to any of the foregoing; and/or (ii) any of the Participating Parties, Settling Insurers, or any Consenting Abuse Claimant for any reason related to any Consenting Abuse Claim against the Participating Party or Settling Insurer, whether independently or jointly liable with the Diocese on such Consenting Abuse Claim, including for (a) indemnity and payment of any such Consenting Abuse Claim, (b) any Insurer's failure or refusal to provide insurance coverage under any Insurance Policy for any such Consenting Abuse Claim against the Diocese, a Participating Party or a Settling Insurer, (c) any Insurer's tortious or wrongful claims handling including the failure or refusal of any Insurer to timely compromise and settle any such Consenting Abuse Claims against a Participating Party or a Settling Insurer pursuant to any Insurance Policy, (d) to the extent not otherwise encompassed by section (c) above, any Insurer's failure or refusal to reasonably settle such Consenting Abuse Claims, and (e) the interpretation or enforcement of the terms of any Insurance Policy as it pertains to any of the foregoing. The term "Insurance Claim" also includes any Claims or causes of action for reimbursement of DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs under any Insurance Policy, but only to the extent such DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs are actually paid by the Trust. For avoidance of doubt, the term "Insurance Claim" does not include any Non-Participating Insurance Claims.

1.1.92 ***Insurance Claims Assignment*** means the transfer or assignment of Insurance Claims to the Trust as set forth in Section 8.2.7, herein.

1.1.93 ***Insurance Claim Proceeds*** means any amount recovered by the Trust in respect of any Insurance Claims assigned to the Trust pursuant to the terms of this Plan.

1.1.94 ***Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding*** means the adversary proceeding commenced by the Diocese before the Bankruptcy Court on January 15, 2021, captioned as *The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York v. Arrowpoint Capital, et. al*, Adv. Pro. No. 21-50002.

1.1.95 ***Insurance Policy*** means any known or unknown contract, binder, certificate, or policy of insurance or certificate of liability coverage that any Insurer issued, subscribed any interest in, or has underwritten any risk in, in effect on or before the Effective Date, which actually, allegedly, or potentially provides liability coverage for the Diocese and/or any Participating Party, or any of their respective Agents, affiliates, successors, or assigns, with respect to any Abuse Claim, *provided, however*, that if a contract, binder, certificate or policy of insurance or certificate of liability coverage was not issued or subscribed on behalf of or allegedly issued or subscribed on behalf of a Participating Party, but insures or covers both a Participating Party and any other Person, such contract, binder, certificate, or policy, as applicable, is an "Insurance Policy"

to the extent it insures or provides coverage for the Diocese or any Participating Party, but not to the extent it insures or provides coverage for any Person other than the Diocese or a Participating Party.

1.1.96 ***Insurance Settlement Agreement*** means a settlement agreement among the Diocese and the applicable Participating Parties, with the Committee's consent or, following the Effective Date, the consent of the Trust, and a Settling Insurer, consistent with the terms of the Plan, to be included in the Plan Supplement or Filed with the Bankruptcy Court if entered into by the Trust after the Effective Date.

1.1.97 ***Insurance Settlement Amount*** means the settlement amount to be paid by each Settling Insurer pursuant to each Insurance Settlement Agreement to which it is a party.

1.1.98 ***Insurer*** means a Person that has, or is alleged to have, issued, subscribed any interest in, assumed any liability for, or underwritten any risk in an Insurance Policy, whether or not a regulated insurance company, including all of such Person's reinsurers and retrocessionaires and all of its affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all Agents of the foregoing.

1.1.99 ***Insurer Contribution Claim*** means any Claim held by an Insurer by which such Insurer may contend that it has paid more than its equitable or proportionate share of a Consenting Abuse Claim, whether expressed in terms of contribution, indemnity, equitable indemnity, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation, reallocation, reimbursement, or any other direct, indirect, or derivative recovery.

1.1.100 ***Interstate*** means, each of Interstate Fire & Casualty Company, National Surety Corporation, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, and Allianz Reinsurance America, Inc. d/b/a Allianz Resolution Management.

1.1.101 ***Interstate POC Disclosure*** means the unauthorized disclosure of certain confidential proofs of claim by Interstate, as reported to the Bankruptcy Court by letter dated September 28, 2023 and Filed in the Chapter 11 Case at Docket No. 1439.

1.1.102 ***Joint Tortfeasor*** means any Person, other than the Diocese or a Participating Party, who is alleged to be a joint tortfeasor with the Diocese and/or any Participating Party in connection with an Abuse Claim or the Abuse or alleged Abuse giving rise to an Abuse Claim.

1.1.103 ***Key Secured Debt Documents*** means the following documents:

- (i) Business Loan Agreement, together with Amendment No. 1 thereto, each dated as of March 16, 2020, pursuant to which KeyBank (a) made available to the Diocese a \$7,300,000 revolving loan consisting of a \$2,000,000 working capital line of credit and (b) a commitment to issue letters of credit on behalf of the Diocese in the aggregate not to exceed \$5,300,000;

(ii) Promissory Note in the original principal amount of \$7,300,000 dated as of March 16, 2020 evidencing the Diocese's obligations to KeyBank;

(iii) The KeyBank Letter of Credit;

(iv) Commercial Pledge Agreement, together with Amendment 1 thereto, each dated as of March 16, 2020, pursuant to which the Diocese pledged all of its property in the possession of, or subject to the control of KeyBank including, without limitation, its interest in the KeyBank Blocked Accounts, to secure its obligations to KeyBank; and

(v) Control Agreement and Acknowledgement of Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of March 16, 2020.

1.1.104 **KeyBank** means KeyBank, National Association.

1.1.105 **KeyBank Blocked Accounts** means the collateral investment accounts held by the Diocese at KeyBank with account numbers ending in (xx6734) and (xx6735)

1.1.106 **KeyBank Blocked Collateral** means all cash, securities and other investments or funds required to be held in the KeyBank Blocked Accounts pursuant to the Key Secured Debt Documents.

1.1.107 **KeyBank Debt Amount** means (i) any amounts actually due and owing to KeyBank pursuant to the Key Secured Debt Documents plus (ii) any undrawn commitment of KeyBank under the KeyBank Letter of Credit.

1.1.108 **KeyBank Letter of Credit** means that certain \$5,300,000 Letter of Credit issued by KeyBank to the New York State Worker's Compensation Board to secure the Diocese's obligations under its self-insured worker's compensation program.

1.1.109 **KeyBank Lien** means any and all security interests or Liens of KeyBank with respect to any property of the Diocese and/or Reorganized Diocese.

1.1.110 **Late-Filed Abuse Claim** means any Child Abuse Claim Filed after the CVA Deadline, or any Adult Abuse Claim Filed after the ASA Deadline, but which in either case is Filed on or before the Effective Date.

1.1.111 **Lien** means any "lien" as defined in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.112 **Litigation Award** means a judgment or verdict determining that the Diocese and/or any Participating Party is/are liable to a Litigation Claimant on account of a Litigation Claim.

1.1.113 **Litigation Claim** means any Abuse Claim held by a Litigation Claimant, to the extent the Trustee has (i) determined in good faith that such Abuse Claim is covered, in whole

or in part, by one or more Non-Settling Insurer Policies, and (ii) authorized such Litigation Claimant to liquidate their Abuse Claim in accordance with the Plan, Allocation Protocol, and the Trust Agreement.

1.1.114 ***Litigation Claimant*** means any Abuse Claimant who elects to be treated as a Litigation Claimant pursuant to Section 4.3.1.b of the Plan or who is deemed to be a Litigation Claimant pursuant to the terms of Section 4.3.1.c of the Plan.

1.1.115 ***Litigation Claimant Agreement*** means an agreement, in the form attached as **Exhibit 8** to the Plan Supplement, pursuant to which each Litigation Claimant agrees and acknowledges that: (i) if and when authorized by the Trustee to pursue a Litigation Claim, they may pursue such Litigation Claim solely for the purposes of (a) establishing whether the Diocese and/or any Participating Party may have any liability with respect to their Litigation Claim, (b) determining the amount of that liability, and (c) permitting the Trust to pursue Insurance Claims against Non-Settling Insurers; (ii) any Litigation Award obtained in respect of any Litigation Claim may not be enforced against any Protected Party and/or any of the non-insurance assets of the Diocese or any Participating Party; (iii) all Claims held by such Litigation Claimant against the Diocese or any Participating Party shall automatically and without further action be fully released and discharged upon the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claims Discharge Date; (iv) if the Litigation Claimant obtains a judgment against the Diocese or any Participating Party, the Litigation Claimant shall take any action reasonably requested of them to enable the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party (or any successor entity) to transfer, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any real or personal property free and clear of any judgment Lien, so long as such action does not have a material adverse effect on the Litigation Claimant's or Trustee's rights with respect to any Insurance Claim arising from the Litigation Claim; and (v) each of the Protected Parties is an intended third party beneficiary of such Litigation Claimant Agreement.

1.1.116 ***Mediators*** means the Hon. Judith K. Fitzgerald (Ret.) and Mr. Paul J. Van Osselaer.

1.1.117 ***Medicaid*** means medical assistance provided under a state plan approved under title XIX of the Social Security Act.

1.1.118 ***Medicare*** means the health insurance program for the aged and disabled under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

1.1.119 ***Medicare Beneficiary*** means an individual who is entitled to Medicare benefits and/or who has been determined to be eligible for Medicaid.

1.1.120 ***Medicare Claim*** means all Claims by CMS, and/or any Agent or successor of CMS charged with responsibility for monitoring, assessing, or receiving reports made under MMSEA or pursuing Claims under MSPA, relating to any payments in respect of any Abuse Claims, including Claims for reimbursement of payments made to Abuse Claimants who recover or receive any Distribution from the Trust, and Claims relating to reporting obligations.

1.1.121 ***MMSEA*** means section 111 of the "Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-173)" which imposes reporting obligations on those Persons with payment obligations under the MSPA.

1.1.122 **MSPA** means 42 U.S.C. § 1395y *et seq.*, or any other similar statute or regulation, and any related rules, regulations, or guidance issued in connection therewith or amendments thereto.

1.1.123 **NBT Bank** means NBT Bank, National Association.

1.1.124 **NBT Blocked Account** means that certain collateral investment account held by the Diocese at NBT Bank with an account number ending in (xxB561).

1.1.125 **NBT Blocked Collateral** means all cash, securities and other investments or funds required to be held in the NBT Blocked Account pursuant to the NBT Secured Debt Documents.

1.1.126 **NBT Debt Amount** means any amounts actually due and owing to NBT Bank pursuant to the NBT Secured Debt Documents.

1.1.127 **NBT Lien** means any and all security interests or Liens of NBT Bank with respect to any property of the Diocese and/or Reorganized Diocese.

1.1.128 **NBT Secured Debt Documents** means the following documents:

(i) Loan Agreement dated as of February 25, 2020, pursuant to which NBT made two term loans to the Diocese, each in the original principal amount of \$3,250,000, for a total loan amount of \$6,500,000;

(ii) Term I Loan Note dated February 25, 2020 in the original principal amount of \$3,250,000;

(iii) Term II Loan Note dated February 25, 2020 in the original principal amount of \$3,250,000; and

(iv) Specific Security Agreement (Pledged Account) dated February 25, 2020, pursuant to which the Diocese pledged its interest in the NBT Blocked Account and certain investment property held therein to secure its obligations to NBT.

1.1.129 **Neutrality Parties** means, collectively, (i) the Diocese; (ii) the Participating Parties; (iii) the Committee; (iv) the Trustee; (v) the Abuse Claimants; (vi) the Abuse Claims Reviewer; and (vii) all Non-Settling Insurers.

1.1.130 **Non-Abuse Claim** means any Claim against the Diocese that is not an Abuse Claim or Inbound Contribution Claim.

1.1.131 **Non-Participating Abuse Claim** means an Abuse Claim held by a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant.

1.1.132 **Non-Participating Abuse Claimant** means the holder of an Abuse Claim who affirmatively withholds their consent to the releases and injunctions provided for in the Plan

with respect to Protected Parties other than the Diocese by (i) indicating as such on their Abuse Claim Ballot; or (ii) Filing an objection to the Plan indicating that they do not consent to the releases and injunctions provided for in the Plan with respect to Protected Parties other than the Diocese; and who has not, prior to entry of the Confirmation Order, agreed in writing to provide such consent, to grant such releases, and to be treated as a Consenting Abuse Claimant for all purposes. After the Effective Date, a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant may become a Consenting Abuse Claimant by means of the procedure set forth in Sections 4.4.6 and 4.5.1.c of the Plan.

1.1.133 ***Non-Participating Abuse Claim Release Agreement*** means an agreement, in the form attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 3**, releasing the Diocese from any and all Abuse Claims held by a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant in accordance with the terms of this Plan, to be executed by the Non-Participating Abuse Claimant as a condition of receiving any Distribution in respect of their Non-Participating Abuse Claim.

1.1.134 ***Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim*** means that portion of any Non-Participating Abuse Claim for which the Diocese is, or is alleged to be, liable.

1.1.135 ***Non-Participating PP Abuse Claim*** means that portion of any Non-Participating Abuse Claim for which one or more Participating Parties are, or are alleged to be, liable.

1.1.136 ***Non-Participating Insurance Claim*** means all Claims, causes of action and enforceable rights against an Insurer, whether sounding in contract, tort, or otherwise, including equity and bad faith, held by any of the Participating Parties, Settling Insurers, or any Non-Participating Abuse Claimant for any reason related to any Non-Participating Abuse Claim asserted or alleged against a Participating Party or Settling Insurer, whether independently or jointly liable with the Diocese on such Non-Participating Abuse Claim, including for (i) indemnity and payment of any such Non-Participating Abuse Claim, (ii) any Insurer's failure or refusal to provide insurance coverage under any Insurance Policy for any such Non-Participating Abuse Claim against a Participating Party or a Settling Insurer, (iii) any Insurer's tortious or wrongful claims handling including the failure or refusal of any Insurer to timely compromise and settle any such Non-Participating Abuse Claims against a Participating Party or a Settling Insurer pursuant to any Insurance Policy, (iv) to the extent not otherwise encompassed by section (iii) above, any Insurer's failure or refusal to reasonably settle such Non-Participating Abuse Claims, and (v) the interpretation or enforcement of the terms of any Insurance Policy as it pertains to any of the foregoing.

1.1.137 ***Non-Participating Litigation Claimant Agreement*** means an agreement, in the form attached as **Exhibit 9** to the Plan Supplement, pursuant to which a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant agrees and acknowledges (i) that they may pursue their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim solely for purposes of establishing whether the Diocese may have any liability with respect to their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim and the amount, if any, of such liability; (ii) any judgment or verdict obtained in respect of such Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim may not be enforced against the Diocese or any Protected Party, but may be presented to the Trustee to establish the Non-Participating Abuse Claimant's entitlement to additional Distributions from the Diocese Abuse Claims Settlement Sub-Fund solely as provided for in Section 4.4. of the Plan; and (iii) if the Non-Participating Abuse Claimant obtains a judgment against the Diocese, he or she

shall take any action reasonably requested to enable the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese to transfer, mortgage or otherwise encumber any real or personal property free and clear of any judgment Lien.

1.1.138 ***Non-Settling Insurer*** means any Insurer that is not a Settling Insurer or an Excluded Insurer.

1.1.139 ***Non-Settling Insurer Policy*** means any Insurance Policy any Non-Settling Insurer issued, subscribed any interest in, or has underwritten any risk in.

1.1.140 ***Non-Tax Priority Claim*** means a Claim against the Diocese, other than an Administrative Claim, Priority Tax Claim, or Professional Fee Claim, which is entitled to priority in payment pursuant to section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.141 ***Other Catholic Organization*** means a Person that is, or allegedly is, insured or covered under a Settling Insurer Policy, but does not include the Diocese, a Parish, or a School.

1.1.142 ***Outbound Contribution Claim*** means any Claim or cause of action related to a Consenting Abuse Claim that may be asserted by the Diocese or any Participating Party against any Person that is not a Protected Party.

1.1.143 ***Parish*** means any past or present Roman Catholic parish located within the geographical territory of the Diocese or subject to the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of Syracuse, together with any corporation or other entity recognized under civil law that holds title to temporal property for, or on behalf of, any such parish.

1.1.144 ***Participating Parties' Cash Contribution*** means that portion of the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution funded by Participating Parties, which shall be in the aggregate amount of \$49,000,000.

1.1.145 ***Participating Party*** means all Parishes, all Schools, and those Other Catholic Organizations, and other Persons and entities listed on **Exhibit A** attached hereto who contribute Insurance Claims to the Trust and/or contribute funds to the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution. Neither the Reorganized Diocese nor any Settling Insurer shall be a Participating Party.

1.1.147 ***Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve*** means, in the event Unknown Abuse Claims are treated as Non-Participating Abuse Claims under the Plan, a portion of the Trust Reserve held in a separate, segregated account established by the Trust exclusively for payment of Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claim Costs which shall be funded in an amount not less than \$2,500,000.

1.1.148 ***Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claim Costs*** means, in the event Unknown Abuse Claims are treated as Non-Participating Abuse Claims under the Plan, all costs and expenses incurred by any Participating Party in (i) defending against an Abuse Action brought by an Unknown Abuse Claimant asserting a Non-Participating PP Claim; or (ii) in satisfying any judgment awarded in connection therewith.



1.1.148 ***Pass-Through Claim*** means any Disputed Non-Abuse Claim which the Diocese elects to treat as a Pass-Through Claim pursuant to the terms of the Plan.

1.1.149 ***Perpetrator(s)*** means the individual natural person(s) who perpetrated the acts of Abuse or alleged Abuse giving rise to any Abuse Claims.

1.1.150 ***Person*** means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, governmental unit, government (or agency or political subdivision thereof), or other entity, including, without limitation, the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese and the Participating Parties.

1.1.151 ***Petition Date*** means June 19, 2020.

1.1.152 ***Plan*** means this Fourth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization dated September 13, 2024 as it may be altered, modified, or amended in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules.

1.1.153 ***Plan Documents*** means the Plan and the Disclosure Statement, all exhibits and schedules attached thereto, and all Plan Supplements, either in their present form or as each may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

1.1.154 ***Plan Proponents*** means, collectively, the Diocese and the Committee.

1.1.155 ***Plan Supplement*** means one or more supplements to the Plan to be Filed with the Bankruptcy Court in advance of the Confirmation Hearing which shall contain the Allocation Protocol, the form of Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement, the form of Non-Participating Abuse Claimant Agreement, the form of Trust Agreement, a list of known Insurance Policies, the Child Protection Protocols, the form of Litigation Claimant Agreement, and each Insurance Settlement Agreement entered into prior to the Confirmation Date, all in form and substance acceptable to each of the Plan Proponents in their respective sole discretion, as well as a list of all executory contracts and leases designated by the Diocese in its sole discretion to be assumed or assumed and assigned to the Reorganized Diocese pursuant to the Plan.

1.1.156 ***Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage*** means those preconditions and contractual requirements (if any): (a) which the Diocese and Participating Parties may be required to satisfy under Non-Settling Insurer Policies and applicable law as a predicate to the pursuit of an Insurance Claim, and (b) that the Non-Settling Insurer Policies and applicable law impose as a condition to providing coverage under such Non-Settling Insurer Policies, in each case to the extent required to be satisfied or performed following the Effective Date.

1.1.157 ***Priority Tax Claim*** means any Claim against the Diocese entitled to priority in payment under section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code, but only to the extent it is entitled to priority under such subsection.

1.1.158 ***Professional Fee Claim*** means a Claim for compensation for legal or other professional services and related reimbursement of expenses under sections 327, 328, 330(a), 331 or 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.159 **Professionals** means all professionals employed in the Chapter 11 Case pursuant to sections 327, 328 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code.

1.1.160 **Protected Parties** means the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, the Participating Parties, the Settling Insurers, any Settling Insurer Covered Persons, and their respective Related Persons.

1.1.161 **Reduction Amount** has the meaning ascribed to such term in section 12.5.2.b. of the Plan.

1.1.162 **Related Person** means, with respect to any person or entity, such person's or entity's predecessors, successors, assigns, and present and former shareholders, members, affiliates, subsidiaries, employees, Agents, brokers, adjusters, managing agents, claims agents, underwriting agents, administrators, officers, directors, trustees, partners, attorneys, financial advisors, accountants, and consultants, each in their capacities solely as such.

1.1.163 **Released Insurance Claims** means all Insurance Claims released by the Participating Parties pursuant to Insurance Settlement Agreements.

1.1.164 **Released Parties** means (i) the Diocese and its Related Persons; (ii) the Reorganized Diocese and its Related Persons; (iii) the Participating Parties and their Related Persons; (iv) a Settling Insurer, but only to the extent that such Settling Insurer's liability arises out of liabilities covered by the Settling Insurer Policies; and (v) a Settling Insurer's Related Persons, but only to the extent such Person's liability arises out of liabilities covered by the Settling Insurer Policies; *provided, however*, that "**Released Parties**" shall not include: (i) any Person who perpetrated an act of Abuse; or (ii) any religious order, diocese, or archdiocese, unless such entity is identified as a Participating Party on **Exhibit A**.

1.1.165 **Releasing Parties** has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 12.7 of the Plan.

1.1.166 **Reorganized Diocese** means (i) the Diocese, on and after the Effective Date, after giving effect to the operative provisions of the Plan, or (ii) at the sole and exclusive option of the Diocese, a new corporation, formed in accordance with Article 5 of the New York Religious Corporations Law or other applicable law, which, pursuant to the Plan, shall take title to the Residual Assets on and after the Effective Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the formation of any entity described in clause (ii) above, shall not discharge or waive the Diocese's liability for any Litigation Claim, for which a Litigation Claimant may have recourse pursuant to the Plan and Plan Documents.

1.1.167 **Residual Assets** means, after payment of the Diocese Cash Contribution, the Insurance Claims Assignment, and the transfer of Outbound Contribution Claims to the Trust, and except for any Insurance Policies to be retained by the Diocese pursuant to Section 7.5 of this Plan, all residual property and assets of the Diocese and/or the Estate, including all charitable assets subject to Donor Restrictions, all property to which the Diocese holds legal title only, and all rights with respect to any Avoidance Actions or other causes of action belonging to the Diocese or its Estate.

1.1.168 **Schedules** means the schedules of assets and liabilities and the statement of financial affairs Filed by the Diocese in this Chapter 11 Case on July 22, 2020 [Docket No. 48], as required by section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 1007, as amended or supplemented through the Effective Date.

1.1.169 **School** means a past or present Catholic school owned by the Diocese or any Participating Party, including those identified as such on **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

1.1.170 **Secured** means, with respect to any Claim against the Diocese, a Claim to the extent (i) secured by a Lien on property of the Estate (a) as set forth in the Plan, (b) as agreed to by the holder of such Claim and the Diocese, or (c) as determined by a Final Order in accordance with section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code; or (ii) subject to any setoff right of the holder of such Claim under section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code but, with respect to both of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), only to the extent of the value of the interest of such holder in the Estate's interest in the property securing such Claim or the amount subject to setoff, as applicable.

1.1.171 **Settling Insurer** means any Insurer that is party to an Insurance Settlement Agreement with the consent of the Committee and the Diocese. A Settling Insurer's predecessors, successors, and assigns shall receive the benefits and protections afforded to a Settling Insurer under the Plan, but only to the extent that: (i) such predecessor's liability was assumed by the Settling Insurer, and not independent of the liability of such Settling Insurer; and (ii) such successor's or assign's liability is derivative of the liability of the Settling Insurer and not independent of the liability of the Settling Insurer.

1.1.172 **Settling Insurer Covered Person** means any Person that has or may have a Claim to insurance coverage under a Settling Insurer Policy.

1.1.173 **Settling Insurer Policies** means, collectively, all Insurance Policies that are the subject of an Insurance Settlement Agreement with a Settling Insurer, except to the extent such Insurance Policies provide coverage on a claims made basis with respect to occurrences on or after the Petition Date.

1.1.174 **Stay Relief Motions** means the motions Filed in the Chapter 11 Case at Docket No. 1395 by Abuse Claimants 34 and 124, and at Docket No. 1400 by Abuse Claimants 77 and 79, seeking modification of the Bankruptcy Code's automatic stay.

1.1.175 **Stretto** means Stretto, Inc., in its capacity as the claims and noticing agent for the Diocese.

1.1.176 **Supplemental Settling Insurer Injunction** is the injunction contained in Section 12.4 of this Plan.

1.1.177 **Target Policy** means any Insurance Policy issued by a Non-Settling Insurer that is alleged to afford coverage for any Litigation Claim.

1.1.178 **Timely Abuse Action** means any Abuse Action which, at the time of its commencement, would not be subject to an affirmative defense by the Diocese and/or any Participating Party that such Abuse Action (i) is barred by the provisions of this Plan, the

Confirmation Order, or any other order of the Bankruptcy Court, or (ii) is otherwise untimely pursuant to N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214 or any other statutes of limitation or repose under applicable law. For avoidance of doubt, the failure of any Abuse Claimant to name the Diocese as a defendant in an Abuse Action because of the application of any stay arising pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, shall not prevent any Abuse Action that would otherwise qualify under this definition from being treated as a Timely Abuse Action.

1.1.179 ***Timely-Filed Abuse Claim*** means any (i) Child Abuse Claim filed in a court of competent jurisdiction before the CVA Deadline; or (ii) Adult Abuse Claim filed in a court of competent jurisdiction before the ASA Deadline.

1.1.180 ***Trust*** means the trust to be established pursuant to the Plan and the Trust Agreement for the satisfaction of all Abuse Claims.

1.1.181 ***Trust Agreement*** or ***Trust Documents*** shall mean the trust agreement between and among the Diocese, the Committee and the Trustee establishing and governing the Trust, including the Allocation Protocol, as it may be amended, together with such additional documents as may be executed in connection with the Trust Agreement.

1.1.182 ***Trust Assets*** means the Insurance Claims, Outbound Contribution Claims, and all other property transferred to the Trust pursuant to this Plan, or otherwise acquired by the Trust following the Effective Date, together with any proceeds thereof. For avoidance of doubt, the Trust Assets shall specifically exclude all of the Residual Assets.

1.1.183 ***Trust Insurance Settlement*** means any Insurance Settlement Agreement entered into between the Trustee, on behalf of the Trust, and any Non-Settling Insurer, following the occurrence of the Effective Date.

1.1.184 ***Trust Distribution*** means a Distribution by the Trust, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, the Allocation Protocol, Trust Documents and the Confirmation Order. For the avoidance of doubt, the payment of Trust Expenses shall not be considered Trust Distributions.

1.1.185 ***Trust Expenses*** means the costs of administering the Trust, including, without limitation, (i) payments to the Trustee and professionals retained to represent the Trust in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement; and (ii) the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs.

1.1.187 ***Trust Reserve*** means a reserve to be established by the Trustee from the Diocese Cash Contribution, prior to making any Trust Distributions, sufficient to fund Trust Expenses (which shall include the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve), and the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve and, if Unknown Claims are treated as Non-Participating Abuse Claims under the Plan, the Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve, and which may be replenished or otherwise supplemented in the discretion of the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Agreement.

1.1.188 ***Trustee*** means the trustee of the Trust, as identified in the Trust Agreement, and any successor trustee appointed pursuant to the terms of the Plan and/or Trust Agreement.

1.1.189 ***Unimpaired*** means, with respect to any Class, that such Class is not Impaired.

1.1.190 ***United States Trustee*** means the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 2, which includes the Northern District of New York.

1.1.191 ***Unknown Abuse Claim*** means any Abuse Claim asserted against the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and/or a Participating Party that alleges Abuse that occurred prior to the Petition Date which is not (i) Filed on or before the Effective Date of the Plan or (ii) the subject of a Timely Abuse Action commenced on or before the Effective Date of the Plan.

1.1.192 ***Unknown Abuse Claimant*** means a holder of an Unknown Abuse Claim.

1.1.193 ***Unknown Claimant Representative*** means the representative appointed by the Bankruptcy Court to serve as legal representative for Unknown Abuse Claimants, any successor legal representative appointed by the Bankruptcy Court, or, on and after the Effective Date, any successor legal representative appointed in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

1.1.194 ***Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve*** means a portion of the Trust Reserve established by the Trust exclusively for payment of Unknown Abuse Claims, which shall be funded in the total amount of \$3,000,000 if the Unknown Claimant Representative has elected to treat Unknown Abuse Claims as Consenting Abuse Claims or \$500,000 if the Unknown Claimant Representative has elected to treat Unknown Abuse Claims as Non-Participating Abuse Claims.

1.1.195 ***U.S. Trustee Fees*** means all fees and charges assessed against the Estate of the Diocese under 28 U.S.C. § 1930 together with interest, if any, under 31 U.S.C. § 3717.

1.1.196 ***Voting Deadline*** means the deadline established by the Court for claimants entitled to vote on the Plan to submit ballots accepting or rejecting the Plan.

## **1.2 Interpretation: Application of Definitions and Rules of Construction.**

Unless otherwise specified, all section or exhibit references in this Plan are to the respective section in, or exhibit to, the Plan, as the same may be amended, waived, or modified from time to time. The words “herein”, “hereof”, “hereto”, “hereunder” and other words of similar import refer to the Plan as a whole and not to any particular Section, Subsection, or clause contained therein. A term used herein that is not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to that term in the Disclosure Statement, and if not defined therein, in the Bankruptcy Code. The rules of construction contained in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply to the Plan. The headings in this Plan are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the provisions hereof. Unless otherwise provided, any reference in this Plan to an existing document, exhibit or schedule means such document, exhibit or schedule as it may have been amended, restated, revised, supplemented or otherwise modified. If a time or date is specified for any payments or other Distribution under the Plan, it shall mean on or as soon as reasonably

practicable thereafter. Further, where appropriate from a contextual reading of a term, each term includes the singular and plural form of the term regardless of how the term is stated and each stated pronoun is gender neutral.

### **1.3 Exhibits.**

All exhibits to the Plan and any other Plan Documents are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of the Plan as if set forth fully herein.

### **1.4 Time Periods.**

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided, the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a) shall apply. Enlargement of any period of time prescribed or allowed by the Plan shall be governed by the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b).

## **SECTION 2. TREATMENT OF CLAIMS**

### **2.1 Unclassified Claims.**

2.1.1 *Administrative Claims.* Administrative Claims are Claims for costs or expenses incurred in the administration of the Diocese's Chapter 11 Case, which are Allowed pursuant to section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Claims have not been classified and are treated as described in this Section 2.1 of the Plan. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, by written agreement of the holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim to accept different and less favorable treatment than provided under the Plan, or by order of the Bankruptcy Court, a Person holding an Allowed Administrative Claim will receive Cash equal to the unpaid portion of such Allowed Administrative Claim as soon as practicable after the later of: (i) the Effective Date; or (ii) the date on which such Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Claim. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim may be paid on such other date and upon such other terms as may be agreed upon by the holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim and the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese.

With respect to any trade Claims arising after the Petition Date representing obligations incurred by the Diocese in the ordinary course of its business consistent with past practice, such trade Claims shall be paid in the ordinary course of business. As to other Allowed Administrative Claims, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, each holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim: (i) shall be paid by the Reorganized Diocese as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date or on the date the Order allowing such Administrative Claim becomes a Final Order; and (ii) shall receive, on account of and in full satisfaction of such Allowed Administrative Claim, Cash equal to the amount thereof, unless the holder agrees to less favorable treatment of such Allowed Administrative Claim.

Administrative Claims representing obligations incurred by the Diocese after the date and time of the entry of the Confirmation Order shall not be subject to application to the Bankruptcy Court and may be paid by the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese in the ordinary course of business and without Bankruptcy Court approval.

2.1.2 **Priority Tax Claims.** Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim agrees to less favorable treatment, each holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall receive on account of and in full and complete settlement, release and discharge of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Priority Tax Claim, at the sole option of the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese, as applicable, Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Priority Tax Claim on, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the later of: (i) the Effective Date, to the extent such Claim is an Allowed Priority Tax Claim on the Effective Date; (ii) the date such Priority Tax Claim becomes an Allowed Priority Tax Claim; and (iii) the date such Allowed Priority Tax Claim is due and payable in the ordinary course as such obligation becomes due; *provided, however*, that the Diocese reserves the right to prepay all or a portion of any such amounts at any time under this option without penalty or premium. The holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim will not be entitled to receive any payment on account of any penalty arising from, or in connection with any Priority Tax Claim and any demand for such penalty will be deemed Disallowed by the confirmation of the Plan.

2.1.3 **Non-Tax Priority Claims.** Unless the holder of an Allowed Non-Tax Priority Claim and the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese (as applicable) agree to a different treatment, on, or as soon as reasonably practicable after, the later of: (i) the Effective Date; or (ii) the date on which such Non-Tax Priority Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, each holder of such an Allowed Claim shall receive, in full satisfaction, settlement, and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Claim, (a) Cash equal to the unpaid portion of such Allowed Claim or (b) such other less favorable treatment as to which the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese and the holder of such Allowed Claim shall have agreed upon in writing. The Trust shall not be responsible for payment of Non-Tax Priority Claims. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the holder of an Allowed Non-Tax Priority Claim may be paid on such other date and upon such other terms as may be agreed upon by the holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim and the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese.

2.1.4 **Professional Fee Claims.** In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Professional Fee Claims have not been classified and are treated as described herein. All Professionals or other Persons requesting an award by the Bankruptcy Court of Professional Fee Claims shall: (i) File their respective final applications for allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred by the date that is 60 days after the Effective Date; and (ii) be paid in full, in Cash, by the Reorganized Diocese (a) as soon as practicable after the Effective Date or the date the order allowing such Administrative Claim becomes a Final Order, or (b) upon such terms as may exist pursuant to order of the Bankruptcy Court or as may be mutually agreed upon between the holder of such an Allowed Professional Fee Claim and the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese, as applicable. The Diocese is authorized to pay its Professionals for services rendered or reimbursement of expenses incurred after the Confirmation Date in the ordinary course and without the need for Bankruptcy Court approval.

Professional Fee Claims of Professionals employed by the Committee, which are incurred prior to the Effective Date of the Plan in connection with the implementation and consummation of the Plan, shall be paid by the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese, after notice and a hearing in accordance with this Section 2.1.4; *provided, however*, the Diocese and/or Reorganized Diocese shall be responsible for paying no more than one-half of all Allowed

Professional Fee Claims for Committee Professionals, up to a maximum of \$25,000, for services provided or expenses incurred relating to each of (i) the Arrowood 2004 Motion, and (ii) the Stay Relief Motions, with the balance of any such Allowed Professional Fee Claims to be paid by the Trust. For the avoidance of doubt, Professional Fee Claims of Professionals employed by the Diocese for services rendered prior to the Effective Date, shall not be paid by the Trust.

Neither the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or the Trust shall have any obligation to pay any Professional Fee Claim for services provided or expenses incurred by any Professional for the Diocese or the Committee relating to or arising out of the Interstate POC Disclosure. All Allowed Professional Fee Claims arising from or relating to the Interstate POC Disclosure shall be borne and paid solely by Interstate in accordance with the Bankruptcy Court's order authorizing the Committee to issue subpoenas in furtherance of its investigation of the Interstate POC Disclosure which is Filed in the Chapter 11 Case at Docket No. 1485.

2.1.5 ***U.S. Trustee Fees.*** U.S. Trustee Fees include all fees and charges assessed against the Diocese under 28 U.S.C. § 1930, together with interest, if any, under 31 U.S.C. § 3717. All U.S. Trustee Fees not paid prior to the Effective Date shall be paid by the Reorganized Diocese as soon as practicable after the Effective Date. In no event shall the payments made to the Trust pursuant to Sections 2, 5, 7 or 8 of this Plan by any Person other than the Diocese be considered "disbursements" under 28 U.S.C. § 1930, nor shall any payment made by the Trust to any Person be considered a disbursement under 28 U.S.C. § 1930.

## **2.2 Classification and Specification of Treatment of Claims.**

All Claims, except those described in Section 2.1, are placed in the following Classes of Claims, pursuant to section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, which section specifies the treatment of such Classes of Claims and of their Impaired or Unimpaired status, pursuant to sections 1123(a)(2) and 1123(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code. A Claim is classified in a particular Class only to the extent that the Claim qualifies within the description of the Class and is classified in a different Class to the extent that the Claim qualifies within the description of that different Class. A Claim is in a particular Class only to the extent that the Claim is an Allowed Claim in that Class and has not been paid, released, withdrawn, waived, or otherwise satisfied under this Plan. Unless this Plan expressly provides otherwise, when a Class includes a subclass, each subclass is a separate Class for all purposes under the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, voting and Distribution.

Subject to all other applicable provisions of this Plan (including its Distribution provisions), classified Claims shall receive the respective treatments set forth below. Unless otherwise provided herein, this Plan will not provide any Distribution on account of a Claim to the extent that such Claim has been Disallowed, released, withdrawn, waived, or otherwise satisfied or paid as of the Effective Date, including, without limitation, payments by third parties. Except as specifically provided in this Plan, this Plan will not provide any Distribution on account of a Claim, the payment of which has been assumed by a third party. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Plan or by further order of the Bankruptcy Court, all treatment, allowances, or payments of Claims which have been specified or otherwise fixed or required by order of the Bankruptcy Court shall not be Impaired by this Plan and the rights of the holders of such Claims as provided in such orders shall not be altered by this Plan. Any holder of any Claim in any Class



may agree, pursuant to section 1123(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code, to a treatment of such Claim that is less favorable (but not more favorable) than any other Claim in such Class.

The categories of Claims listed below classify Claims for all purposes, including voting, confirmation of the Plan, and Distributions pursuant to the Plan:

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Designation</u></b>	<b><u>Impaired</u></b>	<b><u>Entitled to Vote</u></b>
N/A	Administrative Claims	No	Deemed to Accept
N/A	Priority Tax Claims	No	Deemed to Accept
N/A	Non-Tax Priority Claims	No	Deemed to Accept
N/A	Professional Fee Claims	No	Deemed to Accept
N/A	U.S. Trustee Fee Claims	No	Does Not Vote
1	Secured Claim of KeyBank	Yes	Entitled to Vote
2	Secured Claim of NBT Bank	Yes	Entitled to Vote
3	Pass-Through Claims	No	Deemed to Accept
4	General Unsecured Claims	Yes	Entitled to Vote
5	Abuse Claims	Yes	Entitled to Vote
6	Inbound Contribution Claims	Yes	Deemed to Reject

## **2.3 Classes of Claims.**

### **2.3.1 *Class 1 – Secured Claim of KeyBank***

**Classification:** Class 1 is composed of the Secured Claim held by KeyBank in connection with the Key Secured Debt Documents.

**Treatment:** The Diocese is current with respect to all obligations due under the Key Secured Debt Documents. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Line of Credit shall be cancelled, and KeyBank shall have no obligation to honor any request from the Diocese or Reorganized Diocese to draw upon such credit facility. On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Diocese will liquidate certain of the KeyBank Blocked Collateral in an amount equal to \$5,885,000, or such greater amount as shall represent 110% of the KeyBank Debt Amount as of the Effective Date, the proceeds of which will be converted into one or more cash certificate(s) of deposit (collectively, the “KeyBank Replacement CD”). The KeyBank Lien shall attach to the KeyBank Replacement CD, to the same extent, validity and priority as it attached to the assets of the Diocese prior to the Petition Date, and the Reorganized Diocese shall assume all obligations of the Diocese under the Key Secured Debt Documents, *except that*, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Key Secured Debt Documents, except for the KeyBank Replacement CD which shall continue to be maintained in one of the KeyBank Blocked Accounts, the Reorganized Diocese shall have no obligation to maintain any of the remaining KeyBank Blocked Collateral in the KeyBank Blocked Accounts, and shall be free to withdraw, liquidate, and/or transfer the same in its sole discretion. The Diocese shall also pay KeyBank any reasonable fees, costs, or charges subject to and in accordance with section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Diocese shall execute and deliver such documents and instruments and perform such other acts that are reasonably necessary in connection with the KeyBank Replacement CD and KeyBank’s treatment under the Plan.

**Voting:** The Class 1 Claim is Impaired, and therefore, the holder of the Class 1 Claim is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

2.3.2 ***Class 2 – Secured Claim of NBT Bank***

**Classification:** Class 2 is composed of the Secured Claim held by NBT Bank, National Association in connection with the NBT Secured Debt Documents.

**Treatment:** The Diocese is current with respect to all obligations due under the NBT Secured Debt Documents. On and after the Effective Date, the NBT Lien shall attach to the Residual Assets held by the Reorganized Diocese, to the same extent, validity and priority as it attached to the assets of the Diocese prior to the Petition Date, and the Reorganized Diocese shall assume all obligations of the Diocese under the NBT Secured Debt Documents, *except that*, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the NBT Secured Debt Documents, the maximum amount of NBT Blocked Collateral that the Reorganized Diocese shall be required to maintain in the NBT Blocked Account shall not exceed one-hundred ten percent (110%) of the NBT Debt Amount.

**Voting:** The Class 2 Claim is Impaired, and therefore, the holder of the Class 2 Claim is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

2.3.3 ***Class 3 – Pass-Through Claims.***

**Classification:** Class 3 includes all Pass-Through Claims.

**Treatment:** Upon the later to occur of the Effective Date and the date on which the Diocese designates a Claim as a Pass-Through Claim, the holder of such Pass-Through Claim shall be deemed to have been granted relief from the automatic stay with respect to its Pass-Through Claim, such Pass-Through Claim shall not be subject to the Diocese Discharge, and the parties shall retain their respective rights, remedies, claims, and defenses as they existed on the Petition Date. The Diocese shall designate all Pass-Through Claims no later than sixty days after the Effective Date.

**Voting:** Class 3 Pass-Through Claims are Unimpaired, and therefore, holders of Class 3 Claims are deemed to have accepted the Plan and are not entitled to vote.

2.3.4 ***Class 4 – General Unsecured Claims.***

**Classification:** Class 4 Claims include all General Unsecured Claims.

**Treatment:** Except to the extent the holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim agrees in writing to accept less favorable treatment as proposed by the Diocese or Reorganized Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese shall pay each holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim, Cash in two installments each equal to 50% of the Allowed amount of such General Unsecured Claim, with the first payment to occur on, or as soon as reasonably practicable after the later of: (i) the Effective Date; and (ii) the date on which such General Unsecured Claim becomes an Allowed General Unsecured Claim, and the second payment to occur on, or as soon as reasonably practicable after the date that is six months after the date of the first payment. The

foregoing payments shall be in full satisfaction, settlement, and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed General Unsecured Claim. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth above, no payments shall be made to any Protected Party on account of any General Unsecured Claim and all Protected Parties shall be deemed to have withdrawn any General Unsecured Claim with prejudice as of the Effective Date in consideration of the Channeling Injunction and release provisions provided in Article 12 of the Plan.

**Voting:** Class 4 General Unsecured Claims are Impaired, and therefore, each holder of a Class 4 Claim is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

**2.3.5 Class 5 – Abuse Claims.**

**Classification:** Class 5 Claims include all Abuse Claims.

**Treatment:**

a. The Plan provides for the establishment of the Trust to fund Distributions to Class 5 Claimants. The Trust shall be funded as provided in Section 8 of the Plan. Distributions from the Trust shall be made to Class 5 Claimants on a fair and equitable basis, pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 4.4 and 4.9 of the Plan, the Trust Agreement, and the Allocation Protocol, which shall represent the sole recovery available to Class 5 Claimants in respect to any obligation owed by the Protected Parties; *provided, however*, that nothing in this Plan shall prevent Non-Participating Abuse Claimants from asserting their respective Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims against Participating Parties or any Non-Participating Insurance Claims they may have against any Insurer.

b. As of the Effective Date of the Plan, the liability of the Diocese for all Class 5 Claims, and the liability of the Participating Parties for all Class 5 Claims other than Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims, shall be fully assumed by the Trust, without any further order from the Bankruptcy Court or further action from any party, and pursuant to the Channeling Injunction set forth in Section 12.3 of the Plan. All Class 5 Claims shall be satisfied solely from the Trust as set forth in the Plan, the Trust Agreement, and the Allocation Protocol; *provided, however*, Distributions made by the Trust to holders of Class 5 Claims shall not prevent holders of Class 5 Claims that are also Litigation Claimants from asserting Litigation Claims to the extent provided for herein; and *provided further*, that nothing in this Plan shall prevent Non-Participating Abuse Claimants from asserting their respective Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims against Participating Parties or any Non-Participating Insurance Claims they may have against any Insurer.

c. In addition to any other requirements set forth in this Plan, in any of the Plan Documents, or in the Confirmation Order that must be satisfied before a Class 5 Claimant is eligible to receive a Distribution from the Trust, no Class 5 Claimant shall receive any Distribution until and unless he or she has executed and delivered to the Trust, as applicable based on their status as a Consenting Abuse Claimant or a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant, either a Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement or a Non-Participating Abuse Claim Release Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to preserve coverage under Non-Settling Insurer Policies, and subject to the provisions of Section 8.2.7 and 12.2 of the Plan, Consenting Abuse Claimants specifically reserve, and do not release, any and all Claims that they may have against the Protected

Parties, to the extent that such Claims implicate coverage under Non-Settling Insurer Policies, but recourse is limited to the proceeds of Non-Settling Insurer Policies and all other damages (including extra-contractual damages), awards, judgments in excess of policy limits, penalties, punitive damages and attorney's fees and costs that may be recoverable by the Trust from any Non-Settling Insurers because of their conduct concerning insurance coverage for, or defense or settlement of, any Abuse Claim, and any proceeds from such judgments or awards will be Distributed in accordance with Section 4.9 of the Plan. The Trust must provide copies of all executed Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreements and Non-Participating Abuse Claim Release Agreements to the (i) Protected Parties; and (ii) any Joint Tortfeasor, upon reasonable request and provision of an appropriate, executed non-disclosure or confidentiality agreement.

d. Except with respect to Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims (which are preserved under the Plan), Class 5 Claims will be released as against the Diocese and the Participating Parties upon the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date as provided in Sections 12.2.3 and 12.7 below. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall require a Consenting Abuse Claimant to release any Person that is not a Protected Party.

e. The Non-Settling Insurers remain fully liable for their obligations related in any way to the Class 5 Claims, and their obligations are not reduced by the Diocese being in bankruptcy or by the Trust Distributions Class 5 Claimants receive, or are entitled to receive, based on the Plan, Trust Agreement, or Allocation Protocol. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) determinations by the Abuse Claims Reviewer and/or any Distributions Abuse Claimants may receive from the Trust shall not constitute a determination of the Diocese's or any Participating Party's liability or damages for Class 5 Claims; and (ii) under no circumstances shall the Abuse Claims Reviewer's review of a Class 5 Claim affect, or be construed to affect, the rights of a Non-Settling Insurer. The Trust may continue efforts to obtain recoveries from Non-Settling Insurers related to the Class 5 Claims. Any such recoveries by the Trust from Non-Settling Insurers will become Trust Assets to be distributed pursuant to Section 4.9 of this Plan and the Allocation Protocol.

f. Nothing in this Plan affects, diminishes or impairs any Class 5 Claimant's rights against any Joint Tortfeasor, including with respect to that Joint Tortfeasor's comparative fault or independent and several liability for Abuse, if any. In any litigation against a Joint Tortfeasor, nothing in this Plan or the Plan Documents shall be deemed an adjudication of a Class 5 Claim for any purpose or a limitation on the recovery against such Joint Tortfeasor. For the avoidance of doubt, the allocations of liability set forth in Section 4.4.4 of this Plan shall apply only to Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims to the extent they are asserted in an Abuse Action against Participating Parties.

g. No Person, other than the Committee or, following the Effective Date, the Trustee, may: (i) object to any Abuse Claim; or (ii) challenge the merit, validity, or amount of any Abuse Claim, except that nothing in the Plan shall prevent the Diocese or any Participating Party, or with respect to any Abuse Claim implicating a Non-Settling Insurer Policy, a Non-Settling Insurer, from asserting any legal or factual defenses that the Diocese, Participating Party, and/or Non-Settling Insurer may have in response to any Litigation Claim or Non-Participating Abuse Claim. Any objection or challenge to an Abuse Claim pending in the Chapter 11 Case as of the Effective Date is deemed withdrawn and shall not be refiled. With the exception of the Trustee's

objections or challenges to a Consenting Abuse Claim, or the adjudication or settlement of a Litigation Claim, Consenting Abuse Claims shall be treated in accordance with the Allocation Protocol and shall not be subject to any other review or judicial consideration. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Plan shall in any way restrict the Diocese, any Participating Party, or any other Person from objecting to or otherwise contesting any Non-Participating Abuse Claim on any basis in any proceeding or action outside of the Chapter 11 Case. Nothing in this Plan or the Plan Documents shall constitute an admission by any Protected Party as to the validity or amount of any Class 5 Claim, nor shall anything herein or therein (i) restrict the Diocese or the Participating Parties from satisfying any Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage; or (ii) modify the terms of any Non-Settling Insurer Policy with respect to any failure of the Diocese or the Participating Parties to satisfy any Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage.

h. Subject to and conditioned upon entry of the Confirmation Order as contemplated in Section 11.1.1 of the Plan, Consenting Abuse Claimants in Class 5 shall automatically and without further action be deemed to irrevocably appoint the Committee as their attorney in fact and to grant to the Committee the authority to negotiate and agree to modifications of the treatment accorded to Class 5 Claims, and the Plan generally on their behalf, between the Confirmation Date and the Effective Date, to the extent such modifications are necessary to satisfy or obtain the waiver of any of the conditions precedent to the Plan's Effective Date set forth in Sections 11.1.2 through 11.1.14, subject to the Committee's fiduciary duties to act on behalf of all creditors.

**Voting:** Class 5 Claims are Impaired, and each holder of a Class 5 Claim is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Only for purposes of voting, each Class 5 Claim is deemed to be Allowed in the amount of \$1.00.

#### ***Class 6 – Inbound Contribution Claims.***

**Classification:** Class 6 Inbound Contribution Claims include any Claim asserted against the Diocese for indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement arising out of, or related to, the Claimant's liability to pay or defend any Abuse Claim.

**Treatment:** Class 6 Claims shall be Disallowed and extinguished and there will be no Distributions to the holders of Class 6 Claims on account of such Class 6 Claims.

**Voting:** Class 6 Inbound Contribution Claimants will not receive or retain any property under the Plan and therefore are deemed to have rejected the Plan. Class 6 will not vote on the Plan.

### **SECTION 3. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN**

#### **3.1 Impaired Classes Vote.**

In accordance with section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code and except as provided in section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, an Impaired Class of Claims shall have accepted the Plan if the Plan is accepted by the holders of at least two-thirds in dollar amount and more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims of such Class that have timely and properly voted to accept or reject the Plan.

### **3.2 Presumed Acceptance of the Plan.**

Class 3 Claims are Unimpaired under the Plan and the holders of Class 3 Claims are presumed to have accepted this Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### **3.3 Presumed Rejection of the Plan.**

Class 6 Claims will not receive or retain any property under this Plan. Holders of Class 6 Claims are therefore deemed to reject this Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Notwithstanding such presumed rejection, holders of Class 6 Claims will be deemed to consent to the injunctions and releases set forth in the Plan unless they File a timely objection to confirmation of the Plan in accordance with Section 12.2.2(b).

### **3.4 Voting Classes.**

Class 1, Class 2, Class 4 and Class 5 are Impaired, and the holders of Claims in those Classes are entitled to vote to accept or reject this Plan.

### **3.5 Modification of Treatment of Claims.**

The Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese may modify the treatment of any Allowed Claim in any manner adverse only to the holder of such Claim at any time after the Effective Date upon the consent of the holder of the Claim whose Allowed Claim is being adversely affected, or as Allowed by Bankruptcy Court order prior to the Effective Date.

### **3.6 Elimination of Vacant Classes.**

Any Class of Claims that does not have, as of the Confirmation Date, at least one Allowed Claim, or at least one Claim temporarily Allowed under Bankruptcy Rule 3018, shall be deemed deleted from the Plan for purposes of (i) voting on the acceptance or rejection of the Plan and (ii) determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan by such Class under section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

## **SECTION 4. ABUSE CLAIMS.**

### **4.1 Trust Liability for Abuse Claims.**

On the Effective Date, the Trust shall automatically and without further act or deed assume: (i) all liability, if any, of the Protected Parties and Settling Insurers in respect of Channeled Claims, subject to Section 12.3 of the Plan; (ii) the responsibility for preserving, managing and distributing Trust Assets pursuant to the Allocation Protocol and the Trust Agreement; and (iii) the right to pursue Insurance Claims against Non-Settling Insurers. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Trust shall only assume the liabilities of the Protected Parties with respect to Abuse Claims upon the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date.

#### **4.2 Assessment of Abuse Claims.**

Abuse Claims will be assessed in accordance with the Allocation Protocol, which is designed to provide an expeditious, efficient, and inexpensive method for determining whether an Abuse Claimant is entitled to a Distribution from the Trust. The Diocese, the Participating Parties, and the Reorganized Diocese shall reasonably cooperate with the Abuse Claims Reviewer and the Trustee in connection with any inquiries by either related to the administration of the Allocation Protocol, but shall not be required to act in any way that prevents the satisfaction of any Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage under any Non-Settling Insurer Policy, if any (including, if applicable, any Post-Effective Date Precondition to Coverage concerning cooperation with a Non-Settling Insurer). Under no circumstance shall the Abuse Claims Reviewer's review of an Abuse Claim or a Distribution to an Abuse Claimant have any effect on the rights, defenses, or obligations of any Non-Settling Insurer.

#### **4.3 Treatment of Consenting Abuse Claims.**

4.3.1 ***Consenting Abuse Claimant Treatment Election.*** No later than thirty (30) days after a Consenting Abuse Claimant is notified of the amount of their initial award under the Allocation Protocol, the Consenting Abuse Claimant shall elect in writing one of the following treatment alternatives:

a. ***Treatment as a Distribution Claimant.*** Any holder of a Consenting Abuse Claim who is not a Litigation Claimant pursuant to Sections 4.3.1.b and 4.3.1.c below, will receive, in full and final satisfaction and discharge of their Abuse Claim: Distributions from the Trust in the amount determined as a result of the Abuse Claims Reviewer's assessment of the Consenting Abuse Claimant's Abuse Claim pursuant to the Allocation Protocol. A Consenting Abuse Claimant who elects treatment as a Distribution Claimant must execute and deliver to the Trustee a Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement.

b. ***Treatment as a Litigation Claimant.*** Any holder of a Consenting Abuse Claim that elects treatment as a Litigation Claimant will receive, in full and final satisfaction and discharge of their Abuse Claim: (i) rights, to the extent set forth in the Plan and Allocation Protocol, to Distributions from the Trust; and (ii) the right, prior to the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date, and subject to the Trustee granting authorization to pursue a Litigation Claim in accordance with the provisions of this Plan, to liquidate his or her Consenting Abuse Claim for its full amount according to proof in order to determine the liability of any Protected Party for purposes of the Trust seeking recovery from any Non-Settling Insurer that is or may be liable on the Consenting Abuse Claim or any Insurance Claim arising therefrom, pursuant to Section 8.8 of this Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, the Settling Insurers shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify any Person in connection with a Litigation Claim and the Settling Insurers shall not have any other duties or obligations to any Person in connection with a Litigation Claim. Further, under no circumstances will a Litigation Claimant or any other Person be able to recover any amount from a Settling Insurer, or to obtain any recovery whatsoever against any asset of the Diocese, the Reorganized

Diocese, or the Participating Parties (except for collecting proceeds from any Non-Settling Insurer Policy or other amounts for which a Non-Settling Insurer is deemed to be liable), in connection with a Litigation Claim.

(i) Prior to authorizing a Consenting Abuse Claimant that elects to be treated as a Litigation Claimant to proceed with their Litigation Claim, the Trustee shall (a) consult with counsel for the Litigation Claimant, and the Diocese and/or any Participating Party against whom such Abuse Claimant's Claim is asserted, to establish, among other things, a mutually acceptable litigation schedule; and (b) require the Litigation Claimant to execute and deliver a Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement and a Litigation Claimant Agreement.

(ii) The Trustee shall provide a copy of each Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement and Litigation Claimant Agreement to the Reorganized Diocese upon execution thereof, and to any other Protected Parties upon request. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee shall have the sole discretion to (a) authorize a Litigation Claimant to pursue their Litigation Claim; (b) make a final decision as to whether a Litigation Claim is pursued; and (c) make final decisions relating to the management and timing of litigation relating to Litigation Claims; *provided, however*, that the Trust Agreement shall direct that in making such determinations, the Trustee shall take into consideration, and shall use reasonable efforts to minimize the cumulative impact of post-Effective Date litigation on, the business operations and legal and personnel resources of the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and the Participating Parties.

c. ***Default Election.*** If a Consenting Abuse Claimant does not make one of the elections in Section 4.3.1, the Consenting Abuse Claimant will be treated as a Litigation Claimant prior to the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date and subject to the Trustee's authorization to proceed on such Litigation Claim as set forth in Section 4.3.1.b, above.

#### 4.3.2 ***Modification of Treatment Election for Consenting Abuse Claimants.***

a. Upon written notice to the Trustee, a Consenting Abuse Claimant may rescind the election to be treated as a Litigation Claimant in favor of being treated as a Distribution Claimant.

b. Upon written notice to the Trustee, and no later than ten (10) days after a Consenting Abuse Claimant makes an election to be treated as a Distribution Claimant, a Consenting Abuse Claimant may rescind such election in favor of being treated as a Litigation Claimant; *provided, however*, that such Consenting Abuse Claimant must first obtain the Trustee's authorization before prosecuting his or her Litigation Claim, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.3.1.b of the Plan.



4.3.3 ***Reporting of Consenting Abuse Claimant Treatment Election.*** The Trustee shall report to the Reorganized Diocese, on a quarterly basis, or upon reasonable request, (i) the date on which each Consenting Abuse Claimant is notified of their award under the Allocation Protocol, (ii) whether each Consenting Abuse Claimant has elected to be treated as Distribution Claimant or Litigation Claimant, and (iii) any modification made by any Consenting Abuse Claimant to their treatment status pursuant to Section 4.3.2.

#### **4.4 Treatment of Non-Participating Abuse Claims.**

4.4.1 ***Default Distribution.*** Each Non-Participating Abuse Claimant shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim: (i) a Distribution from the Diocese Abuse Claims Settlement Sub-Fund in the amount of \$1,000; and (ii) the opportunity to establish an entitlement to further Distributions from the Diocese Abuse Claims Settlement Sub-Fund solely as provided for in this Section 4.4. of the Plan and the Allocation Protocol.

##### ***4.4.2 Establishing Liability.***

a. If a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant wishes to obtain a Distribution in excess of the default Distribution set forth in Section 4.4.1 above, he or she must first execute and deliver to the Diocese and Trustee a Non-Participating Litigation Claimant Agreement.

b. Non-Participating Abuse Claimants who deliver to the Diocese an executed Non-Participating Litigation Claimant Agreement may, subject to the terms of this Plan and the other Plan Documents, litigate their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim in any court of competent jurisdiction.

c. Notwithstanding any judgment or settlement obtained by a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant with respect to their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim, any recovery against the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese by such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant shall be limited to the Distributions provided for in this Plan and the Allocation Protocol.

##### ***4.4.3 Additional Distribution Upon Successful Litigation.***

a. Once a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant's Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim is fully adjudicated or settled on a final and non-appealable basis, and if (i) as a result of such adjudication or settlement the Diocese is determined to be liable to such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant on their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim in an amount greater than the default Distribution provided in Section 4.4.1 above, and (ii) the Trust has not been terminated in accordance with the terms of the Trust agreement on or before the date on which the Non-Participating Abuse Claimant first presents their final and non-appealable judgment or settlement to the Trustee, such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant shall be entitled to a further Distribution from the Trust.

b. Such further distribution shall be made on or before the date that is 120 days after the date on which the Non-Participating Abuse Claimant presents their final and non-appealable judgment or settlement to the Trustee and shall be in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the amount of the Diocese's liability for the applicable Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim as set forth in such judgment or settlement and (ii) the amount determined as a result of the Abuse Claim Reviewer's assessment of the Non-Participating Claimant's Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim pursuant to the Allocation Protocol, in each case less the default Distribution previously paid pursuant to Section 4.4.1.

(i) Distributions to Non-Participating Abuse Claimants pursuant to clause (ii) of Section 4.4.3(b) above shall be limited to the *pro-rata* portion of the Diocese Abuse Claims Settlement Sub-Fund allocable to such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant's Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim, and holders of Non-Participating Abuse Claims shall not be entitled to receive any Distribution of any other Trust Assets, including, without limitation, any Trust Assets consisting of (a) the Participating Parties' Cash Contribution, (b) the Settling Insurers' Cash Contribution, (c) any payment by a Settling Insurer pursuant to an Insurance Settlement Agreement, (d) any Insurance Claim Proceeds, (e) proceeds of Litigation Awards, (f) proceeds of Outbound Contribution Claims, (g) proceeds of the DOS Trust Note (if any), or (h) any other proceeds which the Trust may obtain pursuant to the terms of the Plan.

c. Any funds held in the Diocese Abuse Claims Settlement Sub-Fund that are not distributable to Non-Participating Abuse Claimants pursuant to the Plan and the Allocation Protocol shall be Distributed to Consenting Abuse Claimants in accordance with Section 4.9.2.a of the Plan.

#### 4.4.4 *Allocation of Liability.*

a. Unless a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant files a timely objection to confirmation of the Plan and establishes by a preponderance of the evidence in connection with such objection that a different allocation should apply with respect to any damages they may have suffered as a result of (i) their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim, (ii) their Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims (if any), and (iii) any other Claims they may have against a Joint Tortfeasor or any other Person arising out of the Abuse or allegations of Abuse that form the basis for their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim, the following allocations of liability shall apply and shall be conclusive and binding upon each Non-Participating Abuse Claimant for all purposes in any Abuse Action against a Participating Party, including, without limitation, application of Article 16 of the C.P.L.R. and Section 15-108 of the New York General Obligations Law:

(i) As among the Perpetrator(s), the Diocese, and all Participating Parties, Joint Tortfeasors and other Persons liable to such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant on account of all such Abuse Claims, the

Perpetrator(s) equitable share of relative culpability for all non-economic damages suffered by such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant shall be not less than fifty-one percent (51%).

(ii) As among the Diocese, all Participating Parties and all Joint Tortfeasors and other Persons (other than the Perpetrator(s)) liable to such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant on account of all such Abuse Claims, the Diocese's equitable share of relative culpability for all non-economic damages suffered by such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant shall be not less than fifty-one percent (51%).

(iii) With respect to the relative liability between the Diocese and any Participating Parties who are liable on account of such Abuse Claims, the Diocese shall be liable for at least fifty-one percent (51%) of all economic damages and at least fifty-one percent (51%) of all non-economic damages suffered by such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant.

b. In connection with the allocation of liability set forth in Section 4.4.4.a above, unless a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant Files a timely objection to confirmation of the Plan and establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the acts or omissions of the Diocese or the Participating Parties giving rise to such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant's Abuse Claim are of a nature which would prohibit the Diocese or Participating Parties (as applicable) from being eligible for the limitations of liability provided in C.P.L.R. § 1601 pursuant to one or more of the exceptions set forth in C.P.L.R. 1602, such exceptions set forth in C.P.L.R. § 1602 shall be conclusively deemed to be inapplicable to all Non-Participating Abuse Claims and any liability of the Diocese and Participating Parties shall be conclusively deemed to be subject to the limitations of liability set forth in C.P.L.R. § 1601.

**4.4.5 *Retention of Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims and Non-Participating Insurance Claim.*** Each Non-Participating Abuse Claimant shall retain the right to assert any Non-Participating PP Abuse Claim they may have against any Participating Party and any Non-Participating Insurance Claim they may have against any Insurer, but only after the Non-Participating Abuse Claimant executes and delivers to the Diocese and Trustee a Non-Participating Litigation Claimant Agreement, and in all respects, in accordance with, and subject to, the terms and provisions of the Plan.

**4.4.6 *Option to Become a Consenting Abuse Claimant.*** A Non-Consenting Abuse Claimant may elect to become a Consenting Abuse Claimant by delivering to the Trustee a Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement (i) at any time prior to executing a Non-Participating Litigation Claimant Agreement, or (ii) with the consent of the Diocese and the Trustee.

#### **4.5 Unknown Claimant Treatment Election.**

**4.5.1** The Unknown Claimant Representative shall, by written notice Filed on the docket of the Chapter 11 Case on or before the Voting Deadline, elect on behalf of all, but not

less than all, Unknown Abuse Claimants, to treat their respective Unknown Abuse Claims as either Consenting Abuse Claims or Non-Participating Abuse Claims. If the Unknown Claimant Representative fails to File such notice on or before the Voting Deadline, the Unknown Claimant Representative shall be deemed to elect to treat Unknown Abuse Claims as Consenting Abuse Claims.

a. If the Unknown Claimant Representative elects to treat Unknown Abuse Claims as Consenting Abuse Claims, except to the extent that a Unknown Abuse Claimant agrees to less favorable treatment of such Claim, each Unknown Abuse Claimant shall have the right to elect treatment as either a Distribution Claimant or a Litigation Claimant in accordance with Section 4.3.1 of the Plan, and in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of, and in exchange for, their respective Unknown Abuse Claim, each holder of a Unknown Abuse Claim shall receive Distributions from the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve as provided in Section 4.9.2.c of the Plan and in the Trust Documents.

b. If the Unknown Claimant Representative elects to treat Unknown Abuse Claims as Non-Participating Abuse Claims, except to the extent that a Unknown Abuse Claimant agrees to less favorable treatment of such Claim or elects to become a Consenting Abuse Claimant as set forth in Section 4.5.1.c of the Plan, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of, and in exchange for, their respective Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claim, each holder of a Unknown Abuse Claim shall receive Distributions from the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve as provided in Section 4.9.2.d of the Plan, and shall retain the right to assert any Non-Participating PP Claim they may have against any Participating Party and any Non-Participating Insurance Claim they may have against any Insurer, in all respects in accordance with, and subject to, the terms and provisions of the Plan.

c. If the Unknown Claimant Representative elects to treat Unknown Abuse Claims as Non-Participating Abuse Claims, the holder of an Unknown Abuse Claim may nonetheless elect to become a Consenting Abuse Claimant by delivering to the Trustee a Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement (i) at any time prior to executing a Non-Participating Litigation Claimant Agreement, or (ii) with the consent of the Diocese and the Trustee. Any Unknown Abuse Claimant that elects to be a Consenting Abuse Claimant shall be entitled to distributions as set forth in Section 4.9.2.c of the Plan.

#### **4.6 Trust's Rights with Respect to Abuse Claims.**

4.6.1 ***Trust's Rights with Respect to Litigation Claims.*** The Trust retains the right to pursue Non-Settling Insurers for the Diocese's and any other Protected Party's liability to Litigation Claimants. To the extent that either a settlement is achieved with a Non-Settling Insurer as to any Target Policy or a Litigation Claimant obtains a judgment against a Protected Party and the Trust obtains a recovery from a Non-Settling Insurer as to such judgment, such recovery shall be added to the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund; *provided, however*, such recovery shall first go to reimburse the Trust or the Litigation Claimant, as the case may be, for all costs (including

attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with pursuing the recovery against the Non-Settling Insurer(s) relating to the Litigation Claim, so long as such amounts are reasonable and were agreed to in advance by the Trust. Any amount remaining shall be distributed in a manner consistent with Section 4.9.2 of the Plan and the Allocation Protocol.

**4.6.2 *Trust's Rights with Respect to Distribution Claims.*** The Trust retains the right to pursue recovery from Non-Settling Insurers with respect to Distribution Claims held by Consenting Abuse Claimants; *provided, however*, that such right shall be limited to the pursuit of extra-contractual causes of action, including, by way of example, claims for tortious or wrongful claims handling, bad faith, or statutory deceptive business practices under New York General Business Law Section 349. The Trust cannot present Non-Settling Insurers with a demand for coverage or indemnification based upon individual Distributions made by the Trust to Abuse Claimants.

**4.6.3 *Trust's Rights with Respect to Abuse Claims Implicating Insurance Policies Issued by Arrowood Indemnity Company.*** The Trust shall have the right to take any action, including but not limited to the execution and submission of documentation, on behalf of all Consenting Abuse Claimants as may be necessary to pursue any recoveries from (1) the liquidation of Arrowood Indemnity Company, which is under the supervision of the Insurance Commissioner of Delaware (and his successors) as the appointed receiver of Arrowood; or (2) the New York Property/Casualty Security Fund administered by the New York Liquidation Bureau, which is part of the New York State Department of Financial Services, and which has filed a petition to the Supreme Court of the State of New York to be appointed as an ancillary receiver of Arrowood. Any recoveries obtained by the Trust will become Trust Assets to be distributed pursuant to the Allocation Protocol. For the avoidance of doubt, the entities listed in items (1) and (2) of this paragraph 4.6.3 are included in the term Non-Settling Insurers with Arrowood Indemnity Company.

**4.7 *Legal Effect of Estimation of Claims and Distributions Under the Allocation Protocol.***

The Abuse Claims Reviewer's determinations are for estimation and Distribution purposes only and shall not constitute findings as to, or the fixing of, facts or liability concerning the Abuse Claims with any binding legal effect. The determination of the Abuse Claimants' qualifications, the estimation of Abuse Claims, and Trust Distributions to Abuse Claimants shall not be construed as an admission of liability by the Diocese, any Participating Party, or the Trust with respect to any Abuse Claim and shall have no *res judicata* or collateral estoppel effect on the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, any Participating Party, the Trust, or any Non-Settling Insurer.

The Trust's act of making a Distribution to an Abuse Claimant is immaterial to, and shall not be construed as, a determination or admission of the Diocese's, any Participating Party's, or any Non-Settling Insurers' liability for, or damages with respect to, any Abuse Claim, nor shall the Trust present any Non-Settling Insurer with a demand for payment of said Distribution. The determination of qualification, estimation of Abuse Claims, and the payment of Distributions is not a settlement, release, accord, or novation of any Abuse Claim and cannot be used by any Joint Tortfeasor as a defense to any alleged joint liability. The determination of qualification, estimation of claims, and payment of partial Distributions does not impair a Litigation Claimant's right to

obtain a judgment, including a judgment based on joint and several liability, against the Diocese and/or a Participating Party or any Non-Settling Insurer, for purposes of establishing the Diocese's and/or a Participating Party's liability with respect to their Litigation Claim; *provided, however*, that recourse on such judgment shall be limited to the proceeds of Non-Settling Insurer Policies and all other damages (including extra-contractual damages), awards, judgments in excess of policy limits, penalties, punitive damages and attorney's fees and costs that may be recoverable against any Non-Settling Insurers because of their conduct concerning insurance coverage for, or defense or settlement of, any Abuse Claim or any Insurance Claim arising therefrom, and any proceeds from such judgments or awards will be Distributed in accordance with Section 4.6 of the Plan. Neither the Abuse Claims Reviewer's review of an Abuse Claim and determination of qualification, nor the Trust's estimation of an Abuse Claim or the payment of Distributions shall: (i) constitute a trial, an adjudication on the merits, or evidence of liability or damages in any litigation with the Diocese or the Participating Parties, Non-Settling Insurers, or any other Person, or (ii) constitute, or be deemed, a determination of the reasonableness of the amount of any Litigation Claim, either individually or in the aggregate with other Litigation Claims, in any coverage litigation with any Non-Settling Insurers. The Trust's estimation of Abuse Claims and payment of Trust Distributions does not create an admission of the fact of liability, or the extent of damages, on behalf of the Diocese and/or any Participating Parties.

#### **4.8 Release and Discharge of Abuse Claims.**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, each Abuse Claimant must, prior to receiving a Distribution from the Trust, execute and deliver to the Trustee (i) a Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement in the form attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 2** if such Abuse Claimant is a Consenting Abuse Claimant or (ii) a Non-Participating Abuse Claim Release Agreement in the form attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 3** if such Abuse Claimant is a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant; *provided, however*, to preserve coverage under Non-Settling Insurer Policies, Consenting Abuse Claimants specifically reserve, and do not release, subject to the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date, any and all Abuse Claims that they may have against the Protected Parties that implicate coverage under Non-Settling Insurer Policies, but recourse on such Abuse Claims prior to their release is limited to any Trust Distributions as set forth in the Plan, the Trust Agreement, and the Allocation Protocol, and the proceeds of Non-Settling Insurer Policies and all other damages (including extra-contractual damages), awards, judgments in excess of policy limits, penalties, punitive damages and attorney's fees and costs that may be recoverable by the Trust from any Non-Settling Insurers because of their conduct concerning insurance coverage for, or defense or settlement of, any Abuse Claim, and any such judgments or awards will be handled in accordance with the Plan.

Consenting Abuse Claims will be released or enjoined as against the Protected Parties for any Abuse that may be covered under Non-Settling Insurer Policies only upon the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date, as set forth in Section 12.2.3 and 12.7. Consenting Abuse Claimants will expressly reserve their rights against other Persons (other than Protected Parties), including Joint Tortfeasors, who will remain severally liable with respect to any Consenting Abuse Claims.

Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claims will be released or enjoined as against the Diocese upon the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date, as set forth in Section 12.2.3 and 12.7.

Any Person that is, or was alleged to be, a Joint Tortfeasor with the Diocese or any of the Participating Parties in connection with any Abuse Claim, or the Abuse or alleged Abuse that forms the basis of any Abuse Claim, shall not be liable for any share of causal liability or fault attributable to the Diocese or any Participating Party and neither the Diocese nor any Participating Party shall be liable for the share of causal liability or fault attributable to any Joint Tortfeasor or other Person.

For the avoidance of doubt, with respect to all Non-Abuse Claims, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Diocese's liability on account of such Claims shall be discharged pursuant to the provisions of 1141(d).

#### **4.9 Distributions to Abuse Claimants.**

##### **4.9.1 *Distributions Generally.***

a. ***Tax Considerations.*** Any Distribution to an Abuse Claimant constitutes a payment for damages on account of a personal physical injury or sickness arising from an occurrence, within the meaning of section 104(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

b. ***Distribution Limitations.*** The Abuse Claimants' recoveries under the Plan shall be limited to their Trust Distributions, if any, as set forth in this Section 4.9, the Allocation Protocol, and the Trust Documents. Abuse Claimants shall not be entitled to collect personally, or otherwise, any additional amounts whatsoever from the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, any Participating Party, or their respective assets, or from any Settling Insurers or Settling Insurers' assets, for any Abuse Claims that are Channeled Claims, even if they are denied a Trust Distribution.

c. ***No Impact on Non-Settling Insurers.*** Nothing in this Plan shall affect in any way the Non-Settling Insurers' rights to argue that any Abuse Claim (whether or not allowed by the Abuse Claims Reviewer for purposes of Distribution) is legally inviable, including by way of illustration and not limitation, the fact that (i) Abuse Claimants may receive Trust Distributions that are determined on the basis of when their claim was filed in relation to the CVA Deadline or the ASA Deadline; and (ii) holders of Disallowed Abuse Claims may be entitled to distribution pursuant to the Allocation Protocol.

For the avoidance of doubt, Trust Distributions made to Litigation Claimants shall have no impact on Litigation Claimants' rights to obtain a judgment, including a judgment based on joint and several liability, against the Diocese, any Participating Party, or any Non-Settling Insurer, but recourse is limited to any Trust Distributions as set forth in the Plan, the Trust Agreement, and the Allocation Protocol, and the

proceeds of Non-Settling Insurer Policies and all other damages (including extra-contractual damages), awards, judgments in excess of policy limits, penalties, punitive damages and attorney's fees and costs that may be recoverable against any Non-Settling Insurers because of their conduct concerning insurance coverage for, or defense or settlement of, any Abuse Claim or any Insurance Claim arising therefrom, and any proceeds from such judgments or awards will be Distributed in accordance with Section 4.6 of the Plan.

Neither the Trust's Distributions to Abuse Claimants, nor the Abuse Claims Reviewer's review of Abuse Claims, shall: (1) constitute a trial, an adjudication on the merits, or evidence of liability or damages, either individually or in the aggregate, in any litigation whatsoever, or (2) constitute, or be deemed, a determination of the reasonableness or unreasonableness of the amount of any Abuse Claim or any Insurance Claim, either individually or in the aggregate with other Abuse Claims, in any coverage litigation with any Non-Settling Insurers.

Any Trust Distribution to a Litigation Claimant that has obtained a judgment or settlement does not affect, diminish or impair the Trust's right to collect the policy proceeds in respect of such Litigation Claimant's Claim from any Non-Settling Insurer, nor does it affect, diminish or impair the Trust's right to bring any Insurance Claims against the Non-Settling Insurer that have been assigned to the Trust or that belong to the Trust by operation of law.

4.9.2 ***Distributions to Abuse Claimants.*** An Abuse Claimant whom the Abuse Claims Reviewer determines to be entitled to a Distribution pursuant to the Allocation Protocol will receive a Distribution from the Trust in the amount(s) and at the time(s) provided for in this Section 4.9.2. Such Distributions may commence only after the entry of a final decree in this Chapter 11 Case.

a. ***Distributions to Consenting Abuse Claimants.*** Distributions to Consenting Abuse Claimants who, on or prior to the Effective Date, Filed an Abuse Claim, shall be made by the Trustee, in his or her discretion, upon determining the allocable portion of the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund available for Distribution to such Abuse Claimants in accordance with the Abuse Claims Reviewer's evaluation of Filed Abuse Claims pursuant to the Allocation Protocol, the Trust Agreement, and the Plan.

b. ***Distributions to Non-Participating Abuse Claimants.*** Distributions to Non-Participating Abuse Claimants who, on or prior to the Effective Date, Filed an Abuse Claim, shall be made by the Trustee, in his or her discretion, upon determining the allocable portion of the Diocese Abuse Claims Settlement Sub-Fund available for Distribution to such Abuse Claimants in accordance with Section 4.4.4 of the Plan and the Abuse Claims Reviewer's evaluation of Filed Abuse Claims pursuant to the Allocation Protocol.

c. ***Distributions to Unknown Abuse Claimants that are Consenting Abuse Claimants.*** Distributions to Unknown Abuse Claimants that are Consenting



Abuse Claimants shall be made from the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve as follows:

(i) Upon the assertion of an Unknown Abuse Claim by an Unknown Abuse Claimant that is a Consenting Abuse Claimant, the Abuse Claims Reviewer shall evaluate and assign a score to such Unknown Abuse Claim pursuant to the Allocation Protocol and notify the Trustee of the same. The Trustee, then, but only after the Unknown Abuse Claimant executes and delivers a Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement to the Trustee, shall make an initial Trust Distribution to the Unknown Abuse Claimant from the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve in the amount of \$10,000.

(ii) Except as provided in Section 4.9.2.c.iii of the Plan, upon termination of the Trust, the Trustee shall, after accounting for any Distributions made to Unknown Abuse Claimants from the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve, make a final, pro-rata Distribution to Unknown Abuse Claimants that are Consenting Abuse Claimants from the remaining Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve funds based on the score each Unknown Abuse Claimant's Unknown Abuse Claim was assigned by the Abuse Claims Reviewer pursuant to the Allocation Protocol; *provided, however*, that Unknown Abuse Claimants who are Consenting Abuse Claimants and who are either (a) Distribution Claimants or (b) Litigation Claimants who are not authorized by the Trustee to pursue their Litigation Claim in accordance with Section 4.3.1.c of the Plan, shall be entitled to a maximum monetary Distribution in a dollar amount no greater than the amount a holder of a Timely-Filed Abuse Claim that elected treatment as a Distribution Claimant with the same score is entitled to receive from the Trust. If the Trustee determines that the funds held in the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve exceed the amount distributable to Unknown Abuse Claimants pursuant to the Plan and the Allocation Protocol, any such excess funds will revert to the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund and shall be Distributed by the Trustee in accordance with Section 4.9.2.a above.

(iii) To the extent that an Unknown Abuse Claimant is a Consenting Abuse Claimant who elects treatment as a Litigation Claimant and is authorized by the Trustee to pursue a Litigation Claim in accordance with Section 4.3.1.c of the Plan, and as a result of the prosecution of such Litigation Claim the Abuse Claims Reviewer, in his or her sole discretion, assigns an increased score to such Unknown Abuse Claimant's Unknown Abuse Claim pursuant to Section 3.2.b of the Allocation Protocol, Section 4.9.2.c.ii of the Plan shall not apply for purposes of the Trustee making subsequent Trust Distributions to such Unknown Abuse Claimant. Instead, to the extent that the Abuse Claims Reviewer, in his or her sole discretion, assigns an increased score to a Litigation Claim held by an Unknown Abuse Claimant pursuant to the Section 3.2.b of the Allocation Protocol, the Trustee shall make subsequent Distributions to such Unknown Abuse

Claimant from the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund pursuant to Section 4.9.2.a above.

d. ***Distributions to Unknown Abuse Claimants that are Non-Participating Abuse Claimants.*** Unknown Abuse Claimants that are Non-Participating Abuse Claims shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of their Non-Participating DOS Abuse Claims, Distributions in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.4 of the Plan, except that (i) all such Distributions shall be funded solely from the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve and (ii) any additional Distributions payable to Unknown Abuse Claimants who successfully litigate their Claim in accordance with Section 4.4.3 of the Plan shall be paid on a pro-rata basis only upon the termination of the Trust.

e. ***Limitation on Distributions to Unknown Abuse Claimants.*** To the extent the Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve is depleted or the Trust is terminated prior to the date on which an Unknown Abuse Claim is first presented to the Trust, the holders of such subsequently asserted Unknown Abuse Claims shall not be entitled to any Distribution under the Plan.

#### **4.10 Dismissal of Pending Litigation.**

Upon the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date, as defined in Section 12.2.3, the subject Abuse Claim asserted in any lawsuit against any Protected Party pending in state or federal court shall be dismissed, with prejudice, and without fees and costs being recoverable against any Protected Party, except that nothing in the Plan shall require Non-Participating Abuse Claimants to dismiss their Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims against Participating Parties.

#### **4.11 Claim Withdrawal.**

An Abuse Claimant may withdraw his or her Abuse Claim at any time on written notice to the Trustee. If withdrawn, the Abuse Claim will be withdrawn with prejudice and may not be reasserted, and such Abuse Claimant shall still be bound by the Diocese Discharge and all injunctive provisions of this Plan, including the Channeling Injunction to the same extent that such provisions applied to such Abuse Claimant's Abuse Claim prior to its withdrawal.

#### **4.12 Medicare Procedures.**

With respect to all Abuse Claims, the Trust shall maintain sufficient funds to perform the following duties:

4.12.1 It is the position of Diocese that none of the Protected Parties, Settling Insurers, or the Trust will have any reporting obligations in respect of their contributions to the Trust, or in respect of any payments, settlements, resolutions, awards, or other Claim liquidations by the Trust, under the reporting provisions of MSPA or MMSEA.

4.12.2 Prior to making any Distribution on behalf of an Abuse Claim (including any Distribution disbursed to an Abuse Claimant's counsel), the Trustee may obtain in respect of

any Channeled Claim a certification from the Claimant that said Claimant has or will provide for the payment and/or resolution of any obligations owing or potentially owing under MSPA relating to such Channeled Claim. If the Trust receives no such certification, the Trust shall (i) withhold funds sufficient to assure that all obligations owing or potentially owing for Medicare Claims are paid to CMS; and (ii) provide for the payment and/or resolution of any obligations owing or asserted under 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(b), or any related rules, regulations, or guidance, in connection with, or relating to, such Claimant's Channeled Claim.

4.12.3 The Trust shall indemnify and hold harmless the Protected Parties from any Medicare Claims or similar reporting and payment obligations, whether relating to past conditional payments made, future payments to be made, or otherwise arising out of, relating to, or in connection with Channeled Claims, including any obligations owing or potentially owing under MMSEA or MSPA, and any Claims related to the Trust's obligations under this Plan, the Trust Documents, and the Plan Documents. The Trustee shall also have the obligation to cooperate with the Protected Parties in the assertion of the Channeling Injunction with respect to any Medicare Claims asserted against the Protected Parties related to Channeled Claims. The Trustee shall not have personal liability for these obligations and the Trust shall not be required to create a reserve for these potential obligations. The Trust may seek recovery of any such payments from the applicable Abuse Claimant, including by withholding future Distributions due to such applicable Abuse Claimant from the Trust.

4.12.4 The Trust Assets shall also be used for payment of indemnity and expenses relating to reimbursing the United States government or its contractors for conditional payments made pursuant to the MSPA applicable to any Medicare Beneficiary on account of any Channeled Claim. The amount of such payment shall not exceed that Claimant's award under the Trust Documents. The Protected Parties shall not be responsible for and will not pay indemnity or expenses relating to reimbursing the United States Government or its contractors for conditional payments made pursuant to the MSPA applicable to any Medicare Beneficiary on account of any Channeled Claim.

4.12.5 The Trust shall have no further obligations under this Plan upon the termination of the Trust as provided for in the Trust Agreement.

4.12.6 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no party shall have any reporting obligation with respect to Abuse Claims that arise from or relate to alleged Abuse that occurred prior to December 5, 1980.

## **SECTION 5. SETTLING INSURERS**

### **5.1 Insurance Settlement Agreements.**

Each Insurance Settlement Agreement is effective and binding upon all Persons who have notice, and any of the foregoing Persons' successors and assigns, upon the entry of a Final Order approving the Insurance Settlement Agreement and satisfaction of all conditions precedent. Payments by each Settling Insurer to the Trust, and the releases by the Diocese and/or the Participating Parties of each Settling Insurer, pursuant to the Insurance Settlement Agreements shall occur and/or be effective according to the terms of each such agreement. The Insurance

Settlement Agreements shall survive the confirmation, effectiveness, and consummation of the Plan. The rights of the parties under any Insurance Settlement Agreement shall be determined exclusively under the applicable Insurance Settlement Agreement and those provisions of the Final Order approving such Insurance Settlement Agreement, the Plan, and the Confirmation Order.

**5.2 Sale Free and Clear of Interests of Settling Insurer Policies.**

Each Settling Insurer Policy shall be sold to the issuing Settling Insurer, pursuant to sections 105, 363, and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, free and clear of all liens and Claims of all Persons, to the extent provided for in each applicable Insurance Settlement Agreement.

**5.3 Resolution of Claims Involving Settling Insurers.**

The Confirmation Order shall provide that within ten days after payment of each Settling Insurer's respective Insurance Settlement Amount, the Diocese or the Trust, as the case may be, and the Settling Insurer shall effect dismissal with prejudice of their Claims against each other in the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding, with each side to bear its own fees and costs.

**5.4 The Settling Insurer's Payments.**

The Settling Insurers will pay to the Trust the sums set forth, on the terms set forth, in their respective Insurance Settlement Agreements, to the extent applicable, but in no event later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date.

**5.5 Further Assurances; Non-Material Modifications.**

From and after the Effective Date, the Diocese and the Settling Insurers shall be authorized to enter into, execute, adopt, deliver, or implement all notes, contracts, security agreements, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents necessary to effectuate or memorialize the Insurance Settlement Agreements without further order of the Bankruptcy Court. The Diocese and the Settling Insurers, with the consent of the Committee, may make technical or immaterial alterations, amendments, modifications, waiver, or supplements to the terms of any Insurance Settlement Agreement and/or the Plan, subject to the requirements of the respective agreements. A Class of Claims that has accepted the Plan shall be deemed to have accepted the Plan, as altered, amended, modified, or supplemented under Section 14.1 of the Plan, if the proposed alteration, amendment, modification, or supplement does not materially and adversely change the treatment of the Claims within such Class. An order of the Bankruptcy Court approving any amendment or modification made pursuant to Section 14.1 of the Plan shall constitute an order in aid of consummation of the Plan and shall not require the re-solicitation of votes on the Plan.

**5.6 Waiver/Consent.**

In consideration of the releases and Channeling Injunction, the Supplemental Settling Insurer Injunction and other covenants set forth herein, subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date and the satisfaction of the other conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Insurance Settlement Agreements, and upon receipt by the Trust of the Insurance Settlement Amounts, each of the Protected Parties: (a) irrevocably and unconditionally, without limitation, releases, acquits, forever discharges, and waives any Claims it has or might have now or in the future against the

other Protected Parties with respect to any contribution, subrogation, indemnification, or other similar Claim arising from or relating to Channeled Claims covered or alleged to be covered under the Settling Insurer Policies, and any Settling Insurer Policies; and (b) consents to the sale of the Diocese's and Participating Parties' Claims, if any, related to the Settling Insurer Policies in accordance with the Insurance Settlement Agreements and to the contribution of the proceeds from such sale and settlement to the Trust, as provided in the Plan. Nothing in Section 12 of the Plan shall be construed to bar either: (x) a Claim based on Abuse against a Person who is not a Protected Party, or (y) a Claim by such Person for insurance coverage in connection with a Claim described in the foregoing subsection (x) under an insurance policy other than a Settling Insurer Policy.

#### **5.7 Rights Under Insurance Settlement Agreements.**

The rights of the parties under any Insurance Settlement Agreement shall be determined exclusively under the applicable Insurance Settlement Agreement, the Final Order approving such Insurance Settlement Agreement, the Plan, and the Confirmation Order.

#### **5.8 Timing.**

The injunctions, releases, and discharges to which any Settling Insurer is entitled pursuant to such Insurance Settlement Agreement, the Plan, the Confirmation Order, the Final Order approving the Insurance Settlement Agreement, and the Bankruptcy Code shall become effective pursuant to the terms of such Insurance Settlement Agreement.

### **SECTION 6. MATTERS RELATING TO NON-SETTLING INSURERS**

#### **6.1 Preservation of Rights and Obligations.**

If an Abuse Claim is liquidated through the Allocation Protocol or in any state or federal court as may be permitted by the Plan, the Allocation Protocol, or the Trust Agreement, then the Protected Parties, the Trust, and each Non-Settling Insurer shall retain the right to assert any and all rights and defenses of the Protected Parties with respect to such Abuse Claim and, except as set forth in this Section, all coverage defenses. The rights, duties, and obligations of each Non-Settling Insurer under the Non-Settling Insurer Policies with respect to Abuse Claims are not affected in any way by the Diocese Discharge.

The rights and obligations (if any) of the Protected Parties and every Non-Settling Insurer under the terms of the Non-Settling Insurer Policies and at law shall not be affected by the Allocation Protocol and shall be treated as if the determination by the Abuse Claims Reviewer had never occurred. Each Non-Settling Insurer shall be entitled to all rights and defenses as are provided under the terms of its Non-Settling Insurer Policies as if the determination by the Abuse Claims Reviewer had never occurred.

Nothing in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any Plan Document shall impose any obligation on any Non-Settling Insurer to provide a defense for, settle, or pay any judgment with respect to, any Abuse Claim, or grant to any Person any right to sue any Non-Settling Insurer directly, relating to an Abuse Claim. All such obligations with respect to Non-Settling Insurers

shall be determined by and in accordance with the terms of the Non-Settling Insurer Policies and with applicable non-bankruptcy law.

**6.2 Estimations/Assessments of Abuse Claims Are Not Binding.**

Except in connection with any assertion of a Non-Participating PP Claim in an Abuse Action against a Participating Party where the presumptive allocation of liability set forth in Section 4.4.4 of the Plan shall apply unless rebutted by a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant prior to entry of the Confirmation Order (subject to provisions of Section 8.8.2 with respect to any Insurance Claim asserted against a Non-Settling Insurer), estimations of Abuse Claims for purposes of determination, qualification, assignment of points pursuant to the Allocation Protocol, and payment of Trust Distributions:

- a. shall not (i) constitute an admission of liability by any Person with respect to such Abuse Claims; (ii) have any *res judicata* or collateral estoppel effect on any Person; (iii) constitute a settlement, release, accord, satisfaction, or novation of such Abuse Claims; (iv) be used by any third-party as a defense to any alleged joint liability; or (v) otherwise prejudice any rights of the Trust, the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, the Participating Parties, the Settling Insurers, the Non-Settling Insurers, or Consenting Abuse Claimants in any other contexts or forums;
- b. shall be without prejudice to any and all rights of the Trust, the Non-Settling Insurers, and Consenting Abuse Claimants in any other contexts and forums; and
- c. shall not be deemed to be a determination of liability of the Diocese or any Participating Party or a determination of whether, or the extent to which, such Abuse Claim is covered under any Non-Settling Insurer Policy.

**6.3 Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage.**

6.3.1 Notwithstanding the Insurance Claims Assignment, the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and the Participating Parties shall, for purposes of preserving and maintaining as much insurance coverage as possible for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Trust, and subject to the Trust's payment of any DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs in accordance with Section 8.11, comply with and satisfy all Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage.

6.3.2 If the Trust believes the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or a Participating Party has failed to satisfy any Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage, the Trust shall give the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or the Participating Party (as applicable) written notice identifying with specificity the Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage at issue and the action the Trust believes must be taken in order to satisfy the same. Subject to further order of the Court, the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and the Participating Parties shall have at least 45 days following receipt of any such notice from the Trust to either (i) undertake the actions requested by the Trust or (ii) seek a determination from the Court (which shall not be binding upon any Non-Settling Insurer) as to whether the action requested by the Trust is required to satisfy any Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage. The Court will retain jurisdiction to adjudicate such dispute or claim. Except in the case of willful misconduct by the Reorganized

Diocese and any Participating Party, the Trust's sole remedy for any failure to satisfy any Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage shall be specific performance as ordered by the Court.

6.3.3 Nothing in this Plan shall impair, and each Non-Settling Insurer expressly retains, all contractual defenses to coverage, if any, available under any Non-Settling Insurer Policy arising from or relating to any actual or alleged failure by the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese or any Participating Party to satisfy their respective Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage, if any.

**6.4 Trust Powers With Respect to Abuse Claims and Non-Settling Insurers.**

Solely as set forth in this Plan, the Allocation Protocol, or the Trust Agreement, the Trust may enter into a settlement of any Insurance Claim or any Abuse Claim, provided that nothing in this Section preempts or prevents a Non-Settling Insurer from raising any defense to such settlement or claim for coverage. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee may use the Trust Assets to prosecute any Insurance Claim. If the Trust successfully resolves an Insurance Claim or otherwise receives a recovery of insurance proceeds relating to any Abuse Claim from a Non-Settling Insurer, such proceeds shall become Trust Assets available for Distribution pursuant to the Allocation Protocol.

**6.5 Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding.**

As of the Effective Date, the Trust shall be substituted as the named plaintiff in the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding and have all rights of the Diocese and the Participating Parties to pursue recoveries against any Non-Settling Insurers.

**SECTION 7. MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN**

**7.1 Plan Implementation.**

All Administrative Claims, Priority Tax Claims, Non-Tax Priority Claims, Secured Claims, General Unsecured Claims, and Pass-Through Claims will be paid by the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese. All Distributions to be made under the Plan on account of Abuse Claims will be paid solely from the Trust to be established for the purpose of receiving, liquidating, and distributing Trust Assets in accordance with this Plan, the Allocation Protocol, and the Trust Agreement. The Allocation Protocol is attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 1** and is incorporated into the Trust Agreement. The proposed Trust Agreement is attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 4**.

**7.2 Corporate Action.**

All matters provided under this Plan involving the corporate structure of the Diocese or corporate action to be taken by or required of the Diocese, or the Reorganized Diocese, shall be deemed to have occurred and be effective as provided herein, and shall be authorized and approved in all respects without any requirement or further approval by the Bankruptcy Court or any other governmental entity. For avoidance of doubt, to the extent any corporate action or other transaction contemplated under this Plan would otherwise require approval under section 511 or

511-a of the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, the entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute such approval.

### **7.3 Payments Effective Upon Tender.**

Whenever the Plan requires payment to be made to a Creditor, such payment will be deemed made and effective upon tender thereof by the Trustee, the Diocese, or the Reorganized Diocese to the Creditor to whom payment is due. If any Creditor refuses a tender, the amount tendered and refused will be held by the Trust, the Diocese, or the Reorganized Diocese for the benefit of that Creditor pending final adjudication of the dispute. However, when and if the dispute is finally adjudicated and the Creditor receives the funds previously tendered and refused, the Creditor will be obliged to apply the funds in accordance with the Plan as of the date of the tender; and while the dispute is pending and after adjudication thereof, the Creditor will not have the right to claim interest or other charges or to exercise any other rights which would be enforceable by the Creditor if the Trust, the Diocese, or the Reorganized Diocese failed to pay the tendered payment.

### **7.4 Agreements, Instruments, and Documents.**

All organizational agreements, charter documents, instruments, and documents required under this Plan to be executed or implemented, together with such others as may be necessary, useful or appropriate in order to effectuate this Plan, shall be executed on or before the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

### **7.5 Continuation of Insurance Policies.**

Except to the extent any Insurance Policies are bought back as set forth in and pursuant to Insurance Settlement Agreements or as otherwise provided by the terms of the Plan, all Insurance Policies (including, without limitation, any Insurance Policy not included in Insurance Settlement Agreements) shall, as applicable, either be deemed to be assumed by the Diocese pursuant to sections 365, 1123(a)(5)(A), and 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent such Insurance Policy is or was an executory contract of the Diocese, or continued in accordance with its terms pursuant to section 1123(a)(5)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent such Insurance Policy is not an executory contract of the Diocese, such that each of the parties' contractual, legal, and equitable rights under each such Insurance Policy shall remain unaltered. A list of all known Insurance Policies is attached to the Plan Supplement as **Exhibit 5**. To the extent that any or all such Insurance Policies are considered to be executory contracts, then the Plan shall constitute a motion to assume such Insurance Policies in connection with the Plan. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Confirmation Order shall approve such assumption pursuant to sections 365(a), 1123(a)(5)(A), and 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code and include a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that each such assumption is in the best interest of the Diocese, the Estate, and all parties in interest in this Chapter 11 Case. Unless otherwise determined by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to a Final Order or agreed to by the parties thereto prior to the Effective Date, no payments are required to cure any defaults of the Diocese existing as of the Effective Date with respect to any Insurance Policy. The Diocese reserves the right to seek rejection of any Insurance Policy or other available relief prior to the Effective Date.



#### **7.6 Bar Date for Professional Fee Claims.**

Each Professional retained or requesting compensation in the Chapter 11 Case, pursuant to sections 330, 331, or 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, must File with the Bankruptcy Court a final application requesting the allowance of a Professional Fee Claim no later than 60 days after the Effective Date. All applications for the allowance of Professional Fee Claims that are not timely Filed shall be forever barred. Objections to such applications may be Filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules. The Bankruptcy Court shall determine all such Professional Fee Claims.

#### **7.7 Bar Date for Other Administrative Claims.**

Except as provided for herein or in an order of the Bankruptcy Court, and subject to section 503(b)(1)(D) of the Bankruptcy Code, holders of Administrative Claims must File and serve on the Diocese requests for the payment of such Administrative Claims not previously Allowed by a Final Order in accordance with the procedures specified in the Confirmation Order, on or before the Administrative Claims Bar Date, or such Administrative Claims shall be automatically considered Disallowed Claims, forever barred from assertion, and unenforceable against the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese, the Estate, or their property without the need for any objection by the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese, or further notice to, or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, and any such Administrative Claims shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged.

#### **7.8 Exit Financing.**

The Diocese and/or the Reorganized Diocese may, in their respective discretion, obtain Exit Financing to assist in funding the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution and/or making payments in satisfaction of the DOS Trust Note (if any), which financing may be secured by a security interest or Lien on any assets of the Diocese and any Residual Assets held by the Reorganized Diocese, to the extent the granting of such security interest or Lien is not inconsistent with applicable non-bankruptcy law. Any security interest or Lien in collateral granted to an Exit Financing Lender in connection with Exit Financing provided to the Diocese shall, on and after the Effective Date, be enforceable against any interest the Reorganized Diocese may have in such collateral, to the same extent it may have been enforceable against the Diocese prior to the Effective Date.

### **SECTION 8. THE TRUST**

#### **8.1 Establishment of Trust.**

On the Confirmation Date, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Trust shall be established in accordance with the Trust Documents for the exclusive benefit of the holders of Abuse Claims. The Trust will assume all liability for and rights concerning all Channeled Claims, including the rights to settle the Channeled Claims. The Trust will make Distributions from the Abuse Claims Settlement Funds to Abuse Claimants pursuant to the terms of the Allocation Protocol, the Trust Agreement, the Plan, and the Confirmation Order. The Trustee shall establish and maintain a reserve for Trust Expenses, which shall be paid pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreement.

## **8.2 Funding of the Trust.**

8.2.1 ***Diocese Cash Contribution.*** On or before the Effective Date, the Diocese shall cause the Diocese Cash Contribution to be paid to the Trust to establish the Trust Reserve, with any balance to be included in the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund. The Abuse Claims Settlement Fund may be supplemented from time to time from: (i) any payment by a Settling Insurer pursuant to an Insurance Settlement Agreement; (ii) any Insurance Claim Proceeds; (iii) proceeds of Litigation Awards; (iv) proceeds of Outbound Contribution Claims; and (v) any other proceeds which the Trust may obtain pursuant to the terms of the Plan.

8.2.2 ***Participating Parties' Cash Contribution.*** On or before the Effective Date, the Participating Parties shall cause the Participating Parties' Cash Contribution to be paid to the Trust for inclusion in the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund.

8.2.3 ***Reserved.***

8.2.4 ***Reserved.***

8.2.5 ***DOS Trust Note Documents.*** In the event the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution is less than \$100,000,000, on or before the Effective Date, the Reorganized Diocese shall execute and deliver the DOS Trust Note Documents to the Trust. For the avoidance of doubt, if the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution is \$100,000,000, none of the DOS Trust Note Documents shall be executed or delivered to the Trust.

8.2.6 ***Settling Insurers' Cash Contribution.*** The Settling Insurers will pay to the Trust the Insurance Settlement Amounts set forth in their respective Insurance Settlement Agreements, but in no event later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date.

8.2.7 ***Insurance Claims Assignment.*** Insurance Claims against any Non-Settling Insurer shall be transferred to the Trust as follows:

a. On the Effective Date, and without further action by any party, (i) the Diocese and the Consenting Abuse Claimants will be deemed to have assigned to the Trust their respective rights, if any, to all Insurance Claims and recoveries on account of such Insurance Claims against the Non-Settling Insurers; and (ii) each of the Participating Parties will assign to the Trust the Participating Parties' rights, if any, to all Insurance Claims and recoveries on account of such Insurance Claims against the Non-Settling Insurers. The foregoing transfer shall be effective to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law and shall not be construed: (i) as an assignment of the insurance policies; or (ii) to entitle any Person to Insurance Coverage other than those Persons entitled to coverage under the terms of the Non-Settling Insurer Policies. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trust shall be solely responsible for satisfying, to the extent required under applicable law, any self-insured retention obligations on account of any Consenting Abuse Claim or arising out of any Non-Settling Insurer Policy. To the extent that the Trust pays any self-insured retention in connection with any Consenting Abuse Claim, such amount shall be paid by the Trust from the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve, and the Trust shall contemporaneously contribute funds to the DOS

Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve in an amount equal to such self-insured retention paid. To the extent the Diocese pays any self-insured retention, the Trust shall reimburse from the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve the Diocese for any amounts actually paid by the Diocese prior to making any Trust Distribution for the Abuse Claim for which the Diocese paid the self-insured retention, and the Trust shall contemporaneously contribute funds to the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve in an amount equal to such self-insured retention paid. Nothing herein shall obligate any Non-Settling Insurers to advance any self-insured retention, unless otherwise required by applicable law. Likewise, nothing herein shall obligate the Trust or the Diocese to pay any self-insured retention that is not otherwise required by applicable law.

b. In the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that the Insurance Claims Assignment is inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Diocese, the Consenting Abuse Claimants and/or one or more Participating Parties, the Diocese, the Consenting Abuse Claimants, and each such Participating Party will retain their respective Insurance Claims. In such case, the Diocese or a Participating Party will assert and pursue any retained Insurance Claims to the extent reasonably requested by the Trust against any Non-Settling Insurer. The Diocese or Participating Party will retain counsel acceptable to the Trustee to prosecute any retained Insurance Claims (subject to any defenses the Non-Settling Insurers may have under applicable state law) and the Trust shall pay all attorney's fees, expert fees, and other costs and expenses incurred by the Diocese or the Participating Party in prosecuting the Insurance Claims. For avoidance of doubt, any efforts by the Diocese or a Participating Party to prosecute the Insurance Claims shall be an accommodation to the Trust and any costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith shall be paid by the Trust in full and shall not be subject to the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Procedures described below. The Trust shall have a common interest with the Diocese in prosecuting Insurance Claims, and may appear and be heard in connection with the prosecution of such claims, at its own expense, unconditionally, subject only to any limitations of law and equity. The Diocese and the Participating Parties shall not settle any retained Insurance Claims without the prior written consent of the Trustee, which consent shall not be unreasonably delayed or denied. As provided herein, the Trust shall pursue the Insurance Claims, if any, on behalf of the Consenting Abuse Claimants. All recoveries on account of retained Insurance Claims will be paid to the Trust, net of any unreimbursed or unpaid attorney's fees, expert fees and other costs and expenses associated with prosecuting such retained Insurance Claims.

c. For the avoidance of doubt, except as specifically set forth in this Section 8.2.7 and in Section 6.3 with respect to satisfying Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage, the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and the Participating Parties make no representations or warranties, and shall have no duty or obligations whatsoever, to the Trust with respect to the Insurance Claims. The Trust shall assume all risks with respect to the litigation, liquidation and collection of the Insurance Claims.

8.2.6 ***Outbound Contribution Claims.*** Outbound Contribution Claims shall be automatically, and without further act or deed, assigned to the Trust on the Effective Date.

8.2.7 ***Interstate POC Disclosure Claims.*** Any Claims held by the Diocese or the Participating Parties arising from or related to the Interstate POC Disclosure shall be automatically, and without further act or deed, assigned to the Trust on the Effective Date.

8.2.8 ***Excluded Insurer Claims.*** Excluded Insurer Claims are not included in the Insurance Claims Assignment, or otherwise treated under this Plan, and any Holders of Excluded Insurer Claims shall retain whatever rights against Excluded Insurer Policies that they have under applicable law (subject to any defenses the Excluded Insurers may have under applicable law).

### **8.3 Vesting of Trust Assets.**

On the Effective Date, all Trust Assets shall vest in the Trust, and the Protected Parties shall be deemed for all purposes to have transferred all of their respective right, title, and interest in the Trust Assets to the Trust. On the Effective Date, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Protected Parties, as applicable, shall take all actions reasonably necessary to transfer any Trust Assets to the Trust. Upon the transfer of the Trust Assets in accordance with this paragraph, the Protected Parties shall have no further interest in or with respect to any Trust Assets other than the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve.

### **8.4 Child Protection Protocols.**

In order to further promote healing and reconciliation, and in order to continue efforts to prevent Abuse from occurring in the future, the Reorganized Diocese agrees that, as of the Effective Date (unless a different date is provided in the Confirmation Order), it will use reasonable efforts to undertake and observe the Child Protection Protocols as agreed upon with the Committee and set forth as **Exhibit 6** in the Plan Supplement.

### **8.5 Appointment of the Trustee.**

The Trustee is identified in the Trust Agreement. The Trustee shall commence serving as the Trustee on the Effective Date; *provided, however*, that the Trustee shall be permitted to act in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement from such earlier date, as authorized by the Bankruptcy Court, and shall be entitled to seek compensation in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement and the Plan.

### **8.6 Rights and Responsibilities of Trustee.**

The Trustee shall be deemed to be a fiduciary of the Trust under the terms of the Trust Agreement and shall have all rights, powers, authority, responsibilities, and benefits under New York law specified in this Plan and as reflected in the Trust Agreement, including commencing, prosecuting or settling causes of action, enforcing contracts, and asserting Claims, defenses, offsets and privileges. If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the Confirmation Order and the Trust Agreement with respect to Trustee's authority to act, the provisions of the Trust Agreement shall control. Among other things, the Trustee: (1) shall liquidate and convert to Cash the Trust

Assets, make timely Distributions and not unduly prolong the duration of the Trust; (2) may request an expedited determination of taxes of the Trust under section 505(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for all returns filed for, or on behalf of, the Trust for all taxable periods through the dissolution of the Trust; and (3) may retain professionals, including legal counsel, accountants, financial advisors, auditors, and other Agents on behalf of the Trust, and at the Trust's sole expense, as reasonably necessary and to carry out the obligations of the Trustee hereunder and under the Trust Agreement.

The Trust shall not make Trust Distributions to the Abuse Claimants until after a final decree is entered in the Diocese's Chapter 11 Case. The Trust shall pursue Insurance Claims against any Non-Settling Insurers. The Trust shall fund DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs pursuant to the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Procedures and may seek reimbursement from any Non-Settling Insurer.

The Confirmation Order shall state that, absent permission of the Bankruptcy Court, no cause of action shall be commenced in any forum, other than the Bankruptcy Court, against the Trustee in its official capacity, with respect to its status, duties, powers, acts, or omissions as Trustee.

#### **8.7 Unknown Claimant Representative.**

The Unknown Claimant Representative's services shall be limited to evaluating the adequacy and fairness of the Plan's treatment of Unknown Abuse Claims and making the election described in Section 4.5 of the Plan. The Unknown Claimant Representative will be compensated for his services to the extent set forth in the order approving the Unknown Claimant Representative's retention.

#### **8.8 Trust Pursuit of Insurance Claims.**

8.8.1 *Trust's Rights to Pursue Insurance Claims.* If the assignment contemplated in Section 8.2.7.a is approved, effective as of the Effective Date, the Insurance Claims shall be assigned and transferred to the Trust.

a. The Trust shall be entitled to (i) all recoveries on account of Insurance Claims assigned to the Trust as set forth in the Plan and the Confirmation Order, including the proceeds of any Insurance Claims relating to or arising out of any Litigation Claim, and (ii) to assert on behalf of any Consenting Abuse Claimant or combination of Consenting Abuse Claimants, to the extent permitted by the Non-Settling Insurer Policies and applicable non-bankruptcy law, any and all Insurance Claims that currently exist or may arise in the future against Non-Settling Insurers.

b. The Trust shall also have the right to pursue Insurance Claims against Non-Settling Insurers related to the Diocese's and/or the Participating Parties' liability for Channeled Claims or the Non-Settling Insurers' obligations in respect of such Channeled Claims. The foregoing transfer shall not be construed to entitle any Person to insurance coverage other than those Persons entitled to such coverage from Non-Settling Insurers. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trust cannot present Non-Settling Insurers with a demand for Coverage or indemnification based upon Distributions made by the Trust to Abuse Claimants.

c. The Trust may act in its own name, or in the name of any Consenting Abuse Claimant, the Diocese and/or a Participating Party to enforce any right, title, or interest of any such party in the Insurance Claims assigned to the Trust.

d. No limitations on recovery from Non-Settling Insurers shall be imposed by virtue of the fact the Diocese is in bankruptcy or by any Distribution from the Trust to an Abuse Claimant.

e. The Insurance Claims Assignment shall not affect any Non-Settling Insurer's duty to defend, but to the extent that the failure to defend or a separate agreement between the Diocese and/or a Participating Party and any Non-Settling Insurer gives rise to a monetary obligation to reimburse defense costs in lieu of a duty to defend, the Trust shall be entitled to the benefit of such monetary obligation or policy proceeds to the extent of any DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs actually paid by the Trust.

f. Any recovery by the Trust on Insurance Claims relating to the Diocese's and/or Participating Parties' liability for Abuse Claims shall become a Trust Asset and shall be distributed as provided in the Allocation Protocol.

g. The Trust's pursuit of the Protected Parties shall be limited to enforcing specific performance of the Insurance Claims Assignment and any Insurance Settlement Agreements and any other rights or interests expressly granted to the Trust under the Plan.

h. The Trust shall have full access to coverage under the Non-Settling Insurer Policies as permitted by applicable non-bankruptcy law, and the Non-Settling Insurers shall retain any and all rights and defenses to coverage under the Non-Settling Insurer Policies and applicable non-bankruptcy law.

i. The Insurance Claims Assignment does not affect any right of the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, any Participating Party or any Non-Settling Insurer to contest any liability or the amount of damages in respect of any Abuse Claims.

8.8.2 ***No Impact on Non-Settling Insurers.*** Nothing in the Plan, the Allocation Protocol, the Trust Documents, the Plan Documents, any Confirmation Order (including any provision in the Confirmation Order), or any judgment, order, finding of fact, conclusion of law, determination or statement (written or verbal, on or off the record) made by the Bankruptcy Court, the District Court, or entered by any other court exercising jurisdiction over the Bankruptcy Case, including in any judgment, order, writ or opinion entered on appeal from any of the foregoing, shall in any Action brought by or against a Non-Settling Insurer, including the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding:

a. constitute an adjudication, judgment, trial, determination on the merits, finding, or conclusion of law establishing:

(i) the liquidated liability (in the aggregate or otherwise) of (a) the Diocese, the Participating Parties, or the Trust, with respect to any Abuse Claims; or (b) any Non-Settling Insurer with respect to any Insurance Claim;

(ii) the liability or obligation of the Diocese, Participating Parties, or Trust with respect to any Abuse Claim;

(iii) that the aggregate value of the Abuse Claims is equal to the amount to be paid by the Diocese and/or the Participating Parties into the Trust;

(iv) that it is reasonable, in good faith, or consistent with the terms and conditions of any Non-Settling Insurer Policy for any of the Diocese, the Participating Parties, or the Trust, to settle, allow, assign any value to, liquidate, and/or pay (or present to any Non-Settling Insurer for payment) any Abuse Claim on any terms or conditions contemplated by the Plan, the Allocation Protocol (including any procedures, matrices or criteria used or considered in valuing, estimating or allowing Abuse Claims thereunder), any other Plan Documents, or any other document or agreement;

(v) that the Plan, any other Plan Document, or any other document or agreement (including any procedures, matrices or criteria used or considered in valuing, estimating or allowing Abuse Claims thereunder) are reasonable or consistent with any procedures that were used to evaluate, settle, or pay Abuse Claims against the Diocese and the Participating Parties before the Petition Date or under the terms and conditions of any Non-Settling Insurer Policy or applicable nonbankruptcy law;

(vi) that the conduct of the Protected Parties, the Committee, or the Abuse Claimants, in connection with the negotiation, development, settlement and/or implementation of the Plan (including the aggregate value or amount of the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution), the other Plan Documents, or any related documents or agreements was, is, or will be consistent with the terms and conditions of any Non-Settling Insurer Policy or applicable nonbankruptcy law;

(vii) that any Non-Settling Insurer was invited to participate in or participated in, consulted on, negotiated, and/or consented to the Allocation Protocol, the Trust Documents and other Plan Documents; and

b. have any res judicata, collateral estoppel or other preclusive effect with respect to any matter set forth in Section 8.8.2(a) hereof, or otherwise prejudice, diminish, impair, or affect (under principles of waiver, estoppel, or otherwise) any defense, Claim or right any Non-Settling Insurer may have under any Non-Settling Insurer Policy or applicable non-bankruptcy law with respect thereto. Without limiting the foregoing, but subject to Sections 8.8.3 and 8.8.4 below, it is expressly agreed by all Neutrality Parties that the Neutrality Parties are not litigating any issue set forth in Section 8.8.2(a) hereof or any other Non-Settling Insurer coverage defenses, rights, obligations, or other coverage issue of any kind in this Chapter 11 Case.

c. constitute a decision on any matter at issue or which may be raised as an issue in any Action by or against a Non-Settling Insurer, including the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding. Thus, any judgment, order, finding of fact, conclusion of law, determination or other statement of the Bankruptcy Court or issued or affirmed by the District Court in this Bankruptcy Case, or entered by any other court exercising jurisdiction over the bankruptcy case, including any Confirmation Order or the Allocation Protocol and/or other Plan Documents and any finding, conclusion or determination entered in connection therewith, is not intended – and shall not be construed – to constitute a finding, conclusion or determination regarding any matter set forth in Section 8.8.2(a) hereof or any other issue for any insurance coverage purpose whatsoever, and the Neutrality Parties shall not contend otherwise in any Action by or against a Non-Settling Insurer;

d. subject to Sections 8.8.3 and 8.8.4 below, impair any Non-Settling Insurer's legal, equitable, or contractual rights under any Non-Settling Insurer Policy or with respect to Insurance Claims, or any policyholder's legal, equitable or contractual rights under any Non-Settling Insurer Policy or with respect to Insurance Claims. The Neutrality Parties shall retain, and be permitted to assert, in any Action against any Non-Settling Insurer, all Claims and/or defenses, including any coverage defenses related to the Abuse Claims, the Insurance Claims and/or the Non-Settling Insurer Policies, notwithstanding any provision of the Plan, Allocation Protocol, the Trust Documents, the other Plan Documents, the Confirmation Order, any findings of fact and/or conclusions of law with respect to the confirmation of the Plan, or any Final Order or opinion entered on appeal from the Confirmation Order; or

e. subject to Sections 8.8.3 and 8.8.4 below, impair any Non-Settling Insurer's Insurer Contribution Claims, which may be asserted as a defense or counterclaim against the Diocese, the Participating Parties or the Trust (as applicable) in any Action by or against any Non-Settling Insurer, including the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding. To the extent the Insurer Contribution Claims of a Non-Settling Insurer are determined to be valid, the liability (if any) of such Non-Settling Insurer to the Trust shall be reduced by the amount of such Insurer Contribution Claims. For avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 8.8.2, all Insurer Contribution Claims shall be channeled to the Trust in accordance with Section 12.5.1 of the Plan and no Insurer Contribution Claim shall be the basis for any affirmative recovery against the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party.

On and after the Confirmation Date, no Neutrality Party shall assert anything to the contrary of this Section 8.8.2 in any Action by or against a Non-Settling Insurer. Each Neutrality Party shall be entitled to enforce this Section 8.8.2.

**8.8.3 Denial of Coverage as Sole Remedy.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 8.8.2, the sole remedy of any Non-Settling Insurer for any failure by the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party to satisfy any Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage (if any) shall be limited to asserting any defenses to providing insurance



coverage under the applicable Non-Settling Insurer Policy and nothing in this Plan, nor any acts or omissions by any of the Plan Proponents or their Related Persons as part of the Chapter 11 Case, shall serve as a basis for any Non-Settling Insurer to seek or be granted any affirmative relief against the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party.

**8.8.4 *Preservation of Plan Provisions.*** For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of Section 8.8.2 above are intended solely to ensure that the Plan leaves intact and does not alter or affect any rights or interests of the Non-Settling Insurers with respect to the Non-Settling Insurer Policies. Nothing set forth in Section 8.8.2 is intended to, nor shall it, impair the effectiveness of any provision of the Plan, including, without limitation, the Diocese Discharge, the Channeling Injunction, or any other release or injunctive provisions set forth in the Plan, as such Plan provisions relate to any rights, Claims, actions, defenses, interests, transactions or other dealings between or among (i) one or more Neutrality Parties who are not Non-Settling Insurers or (ii) any Neutrality Party who is not a Non-Settling Insurer and any Person who is not a Neutrality Party.

#### **8.9 Investment Powers; Permitted Cash Expenditures.**

All funds held by the Trust shall be held in Cash or invested in short-term highly-liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of Cash as more particularly described in the Trust Agreement. The Trustee may expend such Cash in a manner consistent with the terms of the Trust Agreement.

#### **8.10 Tax Matters.**

The Trust is intended to qualify as a “Designated” or “Qualified Settlement Fund” pursuant to Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. The Diocese is the “transferor” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.468B-1(d)(1). The Trustee shall be classified as the “administrator” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.468B-2(k)(3). The Trust Documents, including the Trust Agreement, are incorporated herein by reference. The Trust shall not be deemed to be the same legal entity as the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese, but only the assignee of certain assets of the Diocese and a representative of the Estate for delineated purposes within the meaning of section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Trust is expected to be tax exempt. The Trustee shall File such income tax and other returns and documents as are required to comply with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*, as may be amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 31 C.F.R. §§ 900 *et seq.*, and New York law and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and shall pay from the Trust all taxes, assessments, and levies upon the Trust, if any. The Trustee, may in its discretion, establish a disputed claims reserve for the Trust, which shall be administered in accordance with applicable law.

#### **8.11 DOS Entities’ Post-Effective Date Costs Procedures.**

**8.11.1 *DOS Entities’ Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve.*** The Trust shall establish the DOS Entities’ Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve, which shall be funded in an initial amount of not less than \$3,000,000 from the Diocese Cash Contribution. The Trustee shall provide the Reorganized Diocese and all Participating Parties with a written statement as to the balance of

the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve (a) on a quarterly basis, and (b) upon the reasonable request of the Reorganized Debtor or any Participating Party.

The Trustee may increase the amount of, or replenish, the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve, in his or her sole and exclusive discretion. If the Trustee does not replenish the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve such that the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve falls below \$750,000, the Trustee shall immediately report the same to the Reorganized Diocese and all Participating Parties, and such parties shall meet and confer regarding (i) the Trustee's expectations with respect to the continued prosecution of Litigation Claims, (ii) the balance of any DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs that are incurred but outstanding, and (iii) the parties' collective expectations as to any additional DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs that are likely to be incurred in order to satisfy any remaining Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage.

If at any time the Trustee determines, in his or her discretion, not to replenish the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve before the balance of the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve falls below \$500,000 (a "Non-Replenishment Determination"), the Trustee shall immediately (a) report the same to the Reorganized Diocese, and (b) file an application with the Bankruptcy Court on an expedited basis (i) setting forth the basis for the Non-Replenishment Determination and (ii) requesting authority to implement the Non-Replenishment Determination. If the Bankruptcy Court denies the Trustee's request to implement the Non-Replenishment Determination, the Trustee shall, subject to available funds, replenish the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve to at least \$750,000. If the Court approves the Trustee's request to implement the Non-Replenishment Determination, or if the Trustee lacks sufficient funds to maintain the balance of the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve above \$500,000, the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and the Participating Parties shall be irrevocably released from any further obligations they would otherwise have under the Plan with respect to any Insurance Claims and/or Abuse Claims, including, without limitation, any requirement that they satisfy or attempt to satisfy any Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage or to assist in the administration of the Allocation Protocol. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trust shall remain responsible for the payment of all DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs incurred within one year following the date of such notice which are submitted in accordance with these procedures to the extent any funds remain in the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve. For further avoidance of doubt, all Non-Settling Insurers shall retain any defenses to coverage they may have as a result of any failure of the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese or Participating Party to observe and perform any Post-Effective Date Insurance Obligation.

Nothing herein shall be construed to address the rights of any Non-Settling Insurer or the Trust, as assignee of Insurance Claims, upon any withdrawal of cooperation in defense of Claims by the Diocese and/or any Participating Party.

**8.11.2 DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs.** Professionals representing the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party in connection with their efforts to satisfy their respective Post-Effective Date Preconditions to Coverage, including, without limitation, their participation in any post-Effective Date discovery or litigation regarding Insurance Claims or Abuse Claims, shall charge rates and expenses that are no higher than their usual and customary rates for similar work performed by such Professionals for clients generally at the time

such services are provided, and such rates may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the general practices of such Professionals.

Except to the extent that the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and the Participating Parties are reimbursed directly by any Non-Settling Insurer for any DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs contemporaneously as such DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs are incurred, such DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs shall be paid by the Trust from the DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Reserve. The Trust's advancement or reimbursement of the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party for such DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs, and any distributions made by the Trust to Abuse Claimants, will not affect, diminish or impair the Trust's right to bring any claims against any Non-Settling Insurers for refusing to defend and/or indemnify the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party, including but not limited to claims for payment of policy proceeds, bad faith, wrongful failure to settle, and extra-contractual damages authorized by law.

**8.11.3 *DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs Payment and Dispute Resolution.*** All invoices for DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs shall be submitted to the Trustee via email within 60 days following the end of the month in which DOS Entities' Post-Effective Date Costs are incurred (such submission, a "Fee Notice"). All Fee Notices provided to the Trustee may be redacted to prevent the disclosure of privileged information or trial strategy. The Trustee shall keep all Fee Notices confidential and shall not share any information contained in them (other than the amount of the fees) with any Litigation Claimant, or their respective individual counsel, or any professional whose firm previously represented the Committee in the Chapter 11 Case or represents the Trust in connection with the litigation or assertion of any Insurance Claim.

The Trustee shall inform the Reorganized Diocese, the Participating Party, and any professional submitting a Fee Notice of any disputes regarding the requested fees and expenses within thirty days of submission of a Fee Notice or shall pay the requested fees within such time. If any such dispute cannot be resolved within thirty days or such other amount of time agreed upon by the parties, either may submit such dispute to the Bankruptcy Court, or, if the Chapter 11 Case has been closed, to any other court of competent jurisdiction located in Onondaga County, New York for adjudication upon at least fifteen days' notice, unless the parties mutually otherwise agree to resolve such dispute through mediation, arbitration, or other alternative dispute resolution procedures.

**8.12 Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claim Costs.**

If the Unknown Claims Representative elects to treat Unknown Abuse Claims as Non-Participating Abuse Claims, the Trust shall establish the Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve, which shall be funded in the total amount of \$2,500,000 from the Diocese Cash Contribution. At the request of any Participating Party, and subject to the consent of the Reorganized Diocese, the Trust shall pay or reimburse any Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claim Costs actually incurred or paid by the requesting Participating Party from the Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve; *provided, however*, that the Trust shall have no obligation to pay or reimburse Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claim Costs from any source other than the Participating Party Unknown Abuse Claims Reserve.

### **8.13 No Recourse Against Trustee.**

No recourse shall ever be had, directly or indirectly, against the Trustee personally, or against any Agent retained in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement or the Plan by the Trustee, by legal or equitable proceedings or by virtue of any statute or otherwise, nor upon any promise, contract, instrument, undertaking, obligation, covenant or agreement whatsoever executed by the Trustee in implementation of the Trust Agreement or the Plan, or by reason of the creation of any indebtedness by the Trustee under the Plan for any purpose authorized by the Trust Agreement or the Plan, it being expressly understood and agreed that all such liabilities, covenants, and Trust Agreements of the Trust whether in writing or otherwise, shall be enforceable only against and be satisfied only out of the Trust Assets or such part thereof as shall under the term of any such Trust Agreement be liable therefore or shall be evidence only of a right of payment out of the Trust Assets. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee may be held liable for its recklessness, gross negligence, willful misconduct, knowing and material violation of law, breach of the fiduciary duty of loyalty, or fraud, and if liability on such grounds is established, recourse may be had directly against the Trustee. The Trust shall not be covered by a bond.

None of the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party shall be liable for any acts or omissions by the Trust, the Trustee, or their respective Agents or Related Persons.

### **8.14 Indemnification by Trust.**

The Trust shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Trustee and its Agents to the fullest extent permitted under the laws of New York in the performance of their duties hereunder. For the avoidance of doubt, the Diocese, Reorganized Diocese, Participating Parties, and their respective Agents shall not be deemed to be Agents of the Trust unless specifically authorized as such in writing by the Trustee.

### **8.15 Trust Liability.**

Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Trust shall automatically and without further act or deed assume all responsibility for preserving, managing, and distributing Trust Assets.

Subject to and upon the occurrence of each applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date, the Trust shall automatically and without further act or deed assume all liability, if any, of the Participating Parties and Settling Insurers in respect of all Abuse Claims (other than Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims), which shall become Channeled Claims in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

### **8.16 Termination.**

The Trust shall terminate after its liquidation, administration, and Distribution of the Trust Assets in accordance with the Plan and its full performance of all other duties and functions set forth in the Trust Agreement.

## **SECTION 9. GENERAL CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION**

### **9.1 Objections to Non-Abuse Claims.**

Prior to the Effective Date, the Diocese shall have the authority to pursue any objection to the allowance of any Non-Abuse Claim. From and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Diocese will retain responsibility for administering, disputing, objecting to, compromising, or otherwise resolving and making any Distributions with respect to Non-Abuse Claims (including those Non-Abuse Claims that are subject to objection by the Diocese as of the Effective Date; *provided, however*, that nothing in this Section shall affect the right of any party in interest (including the Reorganized Diocese and the Trustee) to object to any Non-Abuse Claim to the extent such objection is otherwise permitted by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and this Plan. Unless otherwise provided in this Plan or by order of the Bankruptcy Court, objections to Non-Abuse Claims will be Filed and served not later than the Claims Objection Deadline. The Claims Objection Deadline or any Bankruptcy Court-approved extension thereof, may be extended upon request by the Reorganized Diocese by filing a motion without any requirement to provide notice to any Person, based upon a reasonable exercise of the Reorganized Diocese's business judgment. A motion seeking to extend the deadline to object to any Claim shall not be deemed an amendment to this Plan.

### **9.2 Determination of Claims.**

From and after the Effective Date, any Non-Abuse Claim as to which a proof of claim or motion or request for payment was timely Filed in this Chapter 11 Case, or deemed timely Filed by order of the Bankruptcy Court, may be determined and (so long as such determination has not been stayed, reversed, or amended, as to which determination (or any revision, modification, or amendment thereof) the time to appeal or seek review or rehearing has expired, (and as to which no appeal or petition for review or rehearing was Filed or, if Filed, remains pending)), liquidated pursuant to: (i) an order of the Bankruptcy Court; (ii) applicable bankruptcy law; (iii) agreement of the parties without the need for Bankruptcy Court approval; (iv) applicable non-bankruptcy law; or (v) the lack of (a) an objection to such Claim, (b) an application to equitably subordinate such Claim, and (c) an application to otherwise limit recovery with respect to such Claim Filed by the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any other party in interest on or prior to any applicable deadline for filing such objection or application with respect to such Claim. Any such Claim so determined and liquidated shall be deemed to be an Allowed Claim for such liquidated amount and shall be satisfied in accordance with this Plan. Nothing contained in this Section shall constitute or be deemed a waiver of any Claims, rights, or causes of action that the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese may have against any Person in connection with or arising out of any Claim or Claims, including any rights under 28 U.S.C. § 157.

### **9.3 No Distributions Pending Allowance.**

Except in the case of Abuse Claims paid pursuant to the Allocation Protocol, no Distribution will be made with respect to a Disputed Claim, or any portion thereof, unless and until all objections to such Disputed Claim have been settled or withdrawn or have been determined by a Final Order, and the Disputed Claim has become an Allowed Claim.

#### **9.4 Claim Estimation.**

To effectuate Distributions pursuant to the Plan and avoid undue delay in the administration of the Chapter 11 Case, with respect to Disputed Claims (except Abuse Claims), the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese, after notice and a hearing (which notice may be limited to the holder of such Disputed Claim), shall have the right to seek an order of the Bankruptcy Court or the District Court, pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, estimating or limiting the amount of: (i) property that must be withheld from or reserved for Distribution purposes on account of such Disputed Claim(s), (ii) such Claim for allowance or disallowance purposes, or (iii) such Claim for any other purpose permitted under the Bankruptcy Code; *provided, however*, that the Bankruptcy Court or the District Court, as applicable, shall determine: (y) whether such Claims are subject to estimation pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, and (z) the timing and procedures for such estimation proceedings.

#### **9.5 Treatment of Contingent Claims.**

Except with respect to Abuse Claims, until such time as a contingent Claim or a contingent portion of an Allowed Claim becomes fixed or absolute or is Disallowed, such Claim will be treated as a Disputed Claim for all purposes related to Distributions under the Plan.

#### **9.6 Controversy Concerning Impairment.**

If a controversy arises as to whether any Claim or any Class of Claims is Impaired under the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court, after notice and a hearing, shall determine such controversy before confirming the Plan.

#### **9.7 Treatment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.**

Subject to the requirements of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, all executory contracts and unexpired leases of the Diocese except (i) Insurance Policies that have not been assumed and retained by the Diocese pursuant to Section 7.5, or (ii) executory contracts and unexpired leases that have been rejected by order of the Bankruptcy Court or are the subject of a motion to reject pending on the Confirmation Date, will be deemed to be assumed and assigned to the Reorganized Diocese on the Effective Date. If any party to an executory contract or unexpired lease that is being assumed and assigned to the Reorganized Diocese objects to such assumption and assignment, the Bankruptcy Court may conduct a hearing on such objection on any date that is either mutually agreeable to the parties or fixed by the Bankruptcy Court. All payments to cure defaults that may be required under section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code will be made by the Reorganized Diocese, except that the Trust shall pay any cure costs under any Insurance Policy assumed and retained by the Diocese pursuant to Section 7.5. In the event of a dispute regarding the amount of any cure payments, or the ability of the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese (as applicable) to provide adequate assurance of future performance with respect to any executory contracts to be assumed by the Diocese, or assumed and assigned to the Reorganized Diocese, the Trust or the Reorganized Diocese (as applicable) will make any payments required by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code after the entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute. The contracts and leases which will be assumed and assigned to the Reorganized Diocese, and their respective cure costs, are identified in **Exhibit 7** attached to the Plan Supplement.

## **SECTION 10. PROVISIONS GOVERNING DISTRIBUTIONS**

### **10.1 Disbursing Agents.**

The Reorganized Diocese shall be the disbursing agent for all aspects of the Plan except for Distributions made from the Trust. With respect to the Trust, the Trustee shall be the disbursing agent and be responsible for all Distributions made under the Trust.

### **10.2 Manner of Payment.**

Unless otherwise agreed by the Reorganized Diocese or the Trustee, as applicable, and the recipient of a Distribution under the Plan or the Plan Documents, all Distributions of Cash under the Plan may be made either by check via first class mail, postage prepaid, or by wire transfer from a domestic bank, at the option of the respective disbursing agent.

### **10.3 Distribution Only to Holders of Allowed Claims.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan for Abuse Claims, Distributions under the Plan and the Plan Documents will be made only to the holders of Allowed Claims. Until a Disputed Non-Abuse Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, the holder of that Disputed Non-Abuse Claim will not receive any Distribution otherwise provided to Non-Abuse Claimants under the Plan or the Plan Documents. If necessary in determining the amount of a *pro rata* Distribution due to the holders of Allowed Claims in any Class, the Reorganized Diocese will make the *pro rata* calculation as if all Disputed Non-Abuse Claims were Allowed Claims in the full amount claimed or in the estimated amount. When a Disputed Non-Abuse Claim in any Class becomes an Allowed Claim, the Reorganized Diocese will make a full or partial Distribution, as applicable, with respect to such Allowed Claim, net of any setoff contemplated by the order, if any, allowing such Claim and any required withholding of applicable federal and state taxes.

### **10.4 Disputed Claim Reserve.**

Except with respect to Trust Distributions made to Abuse Claimants pursuant to the Allocation Protocol, to the extent that a disbursing agent makes a Distribution hereunder to a Class prior to the resolution of all Disputed Claims of such Class, the respective disbursing agent shall reserve an amount for any Disputed Claims in such Class equal to the amount that such holders of Disputed Claims in such Class would be entitled to receive under the Plan if such Disputed Claims were Allowed in the asserted amount of the Claim.

### **10.5 Transmittal of Distributions.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, in the Plan Documents, or in an order of the Bankruptcy Court, Distributions to be made under the Plan, Confirmation Order, or Trust Documents to Class 5 Claimants will be made by the Trust, and Distributions to all other Claimants will be made by the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese. Distributions to Class 5 Claimants will be made: (i) to the client trust account for the Claimant's attorney of record; or (ii) if the Class 5 Claimant does not have an attorney of record, to the latest mailing address set forth in a proof of claim Filed with Stretto or the Bankruptcy Court by or on behalf of such Claimant, or to such other address as may be provided to the Trustee, as applicable, by such Claimant in writing; or (iii) if no

such proof of claim has been Filed and no written notice setting forth a mailing address is provided by or on behalf of such Claimant to the Reorganized Diocese or Trustee, as applicable, to the mailing address set forth in the Schedules Filed by the Diocese in this Chapter 11 Case. Distributions to Claimants holding Non-Abuse Claims will be made by wire transfer or by check via first class United States mail, postage prepaid, (i) to the latest mailing address set forth in a proof of claim Filed with Stretto or the Bankruptcy Court by or on behalf of such Claimant, or to such other address as may be provided to the Reorganized Diocese, as applicable, by such Claimant in writing, or (ii) if no such proof of claim has been Filed and no written notice setting forth a mailing address is provided by or on behalf of such Claimant to the Reorganized Diocese, to the mailing address set forth in the Schedules Filed by the Diocese in the Chapter 11 Case. If a Claimant's Distribution is not mailed or is returned to the Reorganized Diocese or to the Trustee because of the absence of a proper mailing address, the Reorganized Diocese or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall make a reasonable effort to locate or ascertain the correct mailing address for such Claimant from information generally available to the public and from such party's own records, but shall not be liable to such Claimant for having failed to find a correct mailing address. The Trustee shall have no liability to a Class 5 Claimant on account of Distributions made to the client trust account of a Class 5 Claimant's attorney.

#### **10.6 Timing of Distributions.**

Unless otherwise agreed by the Reorganized Diocese or the Trustee, as applicable, and the recipient of a Distribution under the Plan or the Plan Documents, whenever any payment to be made is due on a day other than a Business Day, such payment will instead be made on the next Business Day. Any Claimant that is otherwise entitled to an undeliverable Distribution and that does not, within thirty days after a Distribution is returned to the Reorganized Diocese or to the Trustee, as applicable, as undeliverable or is deemed to be an undeliverable Distribution, provide the Reorganized Diocese or the Trustee, as applicable, with a written notice asserting its Claim to that undeliverable Distribution and setting forth a current, deliverable address will be deemed to waive any Claim to such undeliverable Distribution and will be forever barred from receiving such undeliverable Distribution or asserting any Claim against the Reorganized Diocese, the Trust, the Trustee, or its property. Any undeliverable Distributions to be made by the Trust that are not claimed under this Section will become available for the Trust to distribute to other Abuse Claimants. Any other undeliverable Distributions shall be retained by the Reorganized Diocese in accordance with the Plan. Nothing in the Plan requires the Reorganized Diocese, the Trust, or the Trustee to attempt to locate any Claimant whose Distribution is undeliverable.

#### **10.7 Time Bar to Check Payments.**

If an instrument delivered as a Distribution to a Claimant by the Reorganized Diocese or the Trust is not negotiated within 90 days after such instrument is sent to the Claimant, then the instrument shall be null and void, the Claimant shall be deemed to have waived such Distribution, and all Claims in respect of such voided check shall be discharged and forever barred. Any request for re-issuance of a check must be made on or before 90 days after issuance of a non-negotiated check. Except as otherwise provided herein, any Distribution under the Plan which is not negotiated after 90 days following issuance shall be forfeited, and such Distribution, together with any interest earned thereon, and shall return to and revert in the Reorganized Diocese or to the Trust, as applicable.



**10.8 No Professional Fees or Expenses.**

No professional fees or expenses incurred by a Claimant will be paid by the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or the Trust with respect to any Claim except as specified in the Plan or the Trust Documents.

**10.9 No Interest on Claims.**

Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or a post-petition agreement in writing between the Diocese and the holder of a Claim approved by an order of the Bankruptcy Court, post-petition interest shall not accrue or be paid on any Claim, and no holder of a Claim shall be entitled to interest accruing on or after the Petition Date on any Claim. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing or any other provision of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Trust Agreement, interest shall not accrue on or be paid on any Disputed Claim in respect of the period from the Effective Date to the date a final Distribution is made when and if such Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim.

**10.10 Saturday, Sunday or Holiday.**

If any payment or act under the Plan is required to be made or performed on a date that is not a Business Day, then the making of such payment or the performance of such act may be completed on the following Business Day, but shall be deemed to have been completed as of the required date.

**10.11 Withholding Taxes.**

The Reorganized Diocese shall comply with all withholding and reporting requirements imposed by any federal, state, local, or foreign taxing authority, and all Distributions hereunder shall be subject to any such withholding and reporting requirements. As a condition to making any Distribution under the Plan, the Reorganized Diocese may require that the holder of an Allowed Claim provide such holder's taxpayer identification number and such other information and certification as may be deemed necessary to comply with applicable tax reporting and withholding laws.

**10.12 Setoffs and Recoupment.**

Subject to the terms of this Plan and pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law, the Diocese or Reorganized Diocese, as appropriate, may, but shall not be required to, setoff against or recoup from any Claim on which payments are to be made pursuant to the Plan, any Claims of any nature whatsoever the Diocese may have against the holder of such Claim.

**10.13 No De Minimis Distributions.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan to the contrary, no payment of fractional cents will be made under the Plan. Cash (rounded to the nearest whole cent when and as necessary) will be issued to Claimants entitled to receive Distributions of Cash. Any Distribution of less than \$25.00 will be considered *de minimis*, and holders of Allowed Claims that are entitled to

Distributions of less than \$25.00 will not receive any Distribution. Such funds will remain with, and revert in, the Reorganized Diocese. For avoidance of doubt, this Section 10.13 shall not apply to any Distributions to be made by the Trust, which shall be governed solely by the Trust Documents.

#### **10.14 Prepayment.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, the Reorganized Diocese shall have the right to prepay, without penalty, all or any portion of an Allowed Claim.

### **SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE**

#### **11.1 Conditions Precedent to Effective Date.**

The Effective Date shall not occur, and the Plan shall not be consummated, unless each of the following conditions are satisfied or waived as set forth in Section 11.2 below:

11.1.1 ***Confirmation Order.*** The Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order in form and substance satisfactory to the Plan Proponents and the Settling Insurers. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Confirmation Order shall, at a minimum, contain findings by the Bankruptcy Court that:

- a. the assignment of Insurance Claims, or alternatively, the retention and prosecution of such claims following confirmation by the Diocese and other Participating Parties as contemplated in the Plan is authorized by, and does not conflict with, any provision of the Bankruptcy Code, and is therefore approved;
- b. all of the requirements for confirmation of the Plan pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code have been met and that the Plan should be confirmed;
- c. the Reorganized Diocese has been duly formed and is in good standing under New York law;
- d. the Bankruptcy Court has jurisdiction to approve, and does approve, the transfer of the Residual Assets to, and vesting of title in, the Reorganized Diocese in accordance with the provisions of section 511 or 511-a of the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, and that no further approval by the New York Attorney General or the New York Supreme Court is required;
- e. that, except as otherwise provided in this Plan, the Reorganized Diocese shall not be liable for any Claims against or liabilities of the Diocese or any of the Participating Parties, including under any theory of successor liability; and
- f. the Confirmation Order contains appropriate provisions for the examination fees to be paid by Abuse Claimants to their legal counsel under New York law.

11.1.2 ***Channeling and Insurer Injunctions.*** The Confirmation Order shall approve and implement the Channeling Injunction and the Supplemental Settling Insurer Injunction set forth in Section 12 of the Plan.

11.1.3 ***Plan Documents.*** The Plan Documents shall be in form and substance acceptable to the Plan Proponents and the Settling Insurers.

11.1.4 ***Trust Formation.*** The Trust shall have been formed, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an order appointing the Trustee, and the Trustee and the Diocese shall have executed the Trust Agreement.

11.1.5 ***The DOS Entities' Cash Contribution.*** The DOS Entities' Cash Contribution shall have been made to the Trust.

11.1.6 ***Participating Parties Assignment.*** Each Participating Party shall assign its respective Insurance Claims, to the extent such Claims exist, by executing and delivering such agreements and instruments of assignment as the Trustee may reasonably request.

11.1.7 ***The DOS Trust Note Documents.*** In the event the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution is less than \$100,000,000, the Trust shall have received the DOS Trust Note Documents, duly executed by the Reorganized Diocese. For the avoidance of doubt, if the DOS Entities' Cash Contribution is \$100,000,000, none of the DOS Trust Note Documents shall be executed or delivered to the Trust.

11.1.8 ***Exit Financing.*** Each Exit Financing Lender shall have received their respective Exit Financing Documents, duly executed by the Diocese or Reorganized Diocese, as applicable, and shall have fully funded, or irrevocably committed to fully funding, the Exit Financing contemplated therein.

11.1.9 ***Insurance Settlement Agreements.*** Each Insurance Settlement Agreement agreed to prior to the Confirmation Date shall have been duly executed by all parties thereto and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, in each case in form and substance satisfactory to the Plan Proponents and applicable Settling Insurers.

11.1.10 ***The Settling Insurers' Contribution.*** Each of the Settling Insurers shall have paid to the Trust the Insurance Settlement Amounts due under their respective Insurance Settlement Agreements, except to the extent the terms of such Insurance Settlement Agreements expressly provide that such payment will be made at a later date.

11.1.11 ***Permits and Approvals.*** The Reorganized Diocese shall have obtained any necessary governmental permits or approvals required to take title to the Residual Assets, and to conduct business as a tax-exempt entity pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), on and after the Effective Date in substantially the same manner as the Diocese has historically conducted its business.

11.1.12 ***Consent of all Abuse Claimants.*** All holders of Abuse Claims including, for the avoidance of doubt, Unknown Abuse Claims, shall be Consenting Abuse Claimants.

11.1.13 ***Final Orders.*** The Confirmation Order, the order appointing the Trustee, and all orders approving Insurance Settlement Agreements shall be Final Orders and no stay of any such orders shall then be in effect.

11.1.14 ***No Material Amendments.*** The Plan shall not have been materially amended, altered, or modified as confirmed by the Confirmation Order, unless such material amendment, alternation, or modification has been made with consent of the Plan Proponents and any affected Settling Insurers, Participating Parties and Abuse Claimants; *provided, however*, that the Committee shall have authority to negotiate and agree to modifications to the treatment accorded to Class 5 Claims on behalf of all Consenting Abuse Claimants in accordance with Section 2.3.5.h of the Plan.

## **11.2 Waiver of Conditions.**

Any condition to the occurrence of the Effective Date set forth in Section 11.1 of this Plan may be waived only by the mutual written consent of the Diocese and the Committee; *provided, however*, that each Settling Insurer must consent to a waiver of any conditions affecting such Settling Insurer's rights or obligations, and each of the Participating Parties must consent to a waiver of any conditions affecting such Participating Party's obligations, except that the Diocese may waive the condition set forth in Section 11.1.12 on behalf of the Participating Parties. For avoidance of doubt, neither the Diocese, the Committee, the Settling Insurers, or the Participating Parties shall have any obligation to waive any of the conditions set forth in Section 11.1, and each may withhold such consent in their sole and absolute discretion.

## **11.3 Occurrence of Effective Date.**

If the Effective Date has not occurred within 90 days of the date on which the Confirmation Order becomes a Final Order, the Diocese or Committee may elect to withdraw the Plan in their respective sole and absolute discretion.

## **11.4 Notice of Effective Date.**

The Diocese shall File a notice of Effective Date with the Bankruptcy Court and serve it on all Creditors and parties in interest, within five Business Days after the occurrence of the Effective Date. Such notice shall include all relevant deadlines put into effect by the occurrence of the Effective Date.

## **11.5 Effect of Non-Occurrence of Condition.**

If substantial consummation of the Plan does not occur, the Plan will be null and void in all respects and nothing contained in the Plan or the Disclosure Statement will: (i) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against the Protected Parties; (ii) prejudice in any manner the rights of the Protected Parties or the Trust; (iii) constitute an admission, acknowledgment, offer, or undertaking by the Protected Parties in any respect, including but not limited to, in any proceeding or case against the Diocese or any Participating Party; or (iv) be admissible in any action, proceeding or case against the Protected Parties in any court or other forum.

## SECTION 12. EFFECTS OF PLAN CONFIRMATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

### 12.1 General Injunction and Discharge.

12.1.1 *General Injunction.* EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO ABUSE CLAIMS AND INBOUND CONTRIBUTION CLAIMS ADDRESSED IN SECTION 12.2 BELOW, OR AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THE PLAN OR THE CONFIRMATION ORDER, ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE HELD, HOLD, OR MAY HOLD CLAIMS OF ANY KIND OR NATURE AGAINST THE DIOCESE, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHETHER OR NOT GIVING RISE TO A RIGHT TO PAYMENT OR AN EQUITABLE REMEDY, THAT AROSE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM ANY ACTION, INACTION, EVENT, CONDUCT, CIRCUMSTANCE, HAPPENING, OCCURRENCE, AGREEMENT, OR OBLIGATION OF THE DIOCESE OR THE DIOCESE'S AGENTS, BEFORE THE CONFIRMATION DATE, OR THAT OTHERWISE AROSE BEFORE THE CONFIRMATION DATE, INCLUDING ALL INTEREST, IF ANY, ON ANY SUCH CLAIMS AND DEBTS, WHETHER SUCH INTEREST ACCRUED BEFORE OR AFTER THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASE, AND INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS AND DEBTS BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF NON-ABUSE CLAIMS AND FROM ANY LIABILITY OF THE KIND SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS 502(g), 502(h), AND 502(i) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, WHETHER OR NOT (I) A PROOF OF CLAIM IS FILED OR IS DEEMED FILED UNDER SECTION 501 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, (II) SUCH CLAIM IS ALLOWED UNDER THE PLAN; OR (III) THE HOLDER OF SUCH CLAIM HAS ACCEPTED THE PLAN, ARE PERMANENTLY ENJOINED, ON AND AFTER THE CONFIRMATION DATE, FROM (A) COMMENCING OR CONTINUING IN ANY MANNER ANY ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIM OR TAKING ANY ACT TO RECOVER SUCH CLAIM OUTSIDE OF THE CLAIMS ALLOWANCE PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR IN THE PLAN AND THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND BANKRUPTCY RULES, (B) THE ENFORCEMENT, ATTACHMENT, COLLECTION, OR RECOVERY BY ANY MANNER OR MEANS OF ANY JUDGMENT, AWARD, DECREE, OR ORDER AGAINST THE DIOCESE OR THE REORGANIZED DIOCESE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM, (C) CREATING, PERFECTING, OR ENFORCING ANY ENCUMBRANCE OF ANY KIND AGAINST THE PROPERTY OR INTERESTS IN PROPERTY OF THE DIOCESE OR THE REORGANIZED DIOCESE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM AND (D) ASSERTING ANY RIGHT OF SETOFF, SUBROGATION OR RECOUPMENT OF ANY KIND AGAINST ANY OBLIGATION DUE FROM THE DIOCESE OR THE REORGANIZED DIOCESE OR AGAINST THE PROPERTY OR INTERESTS IN PROPERTY OF THE DIOCESE OR THE REORGANIZED DIOCESE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

12.1.2 *General Discharge.* Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Diocese, the Estate, and the Reorganized Diocese will be discharged from all liability for any and all Non-Abuse Claims.

**12.2 Injunction and Discharge of Abuse Claims and Inbound Contribution Claims.**

**12.2.1 *Injunction of Abuse Claims and Inbound Contribution Claims.***  
**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 12.2.2 BELOW OR IN THE CONFIRMATION ORDER, ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE ALL PERSONS SHALL BE PERMANENTLY STAYED, ENJOINED, AND RESTRAINED FROM TAKING ANY ACTION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSERTING, ENFORCING, OR ATTEMPTING TO ASSERT OR ENFORCE AGAINST THE DIOCESE, THE REORGANIZED DIOCESE, OR ANY PARTICIPATING PARTY, ANY ABUSE CLAIMS OR INBOUND CONTRIBUTION CLAIMS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHETHER OR NOT GIVING RISE TO A RIGHT TO PAYMENT OR AN EQUITABLE REMEDY, THAT AROSE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM ANY ACTION, INACTION, EVENT, CONDUCT, CIRCUMSTANCE, HAPPENING, OCCURRENCE, AGREEMENT, OR OBLIGATION OF THE DIOCESE, ANY PARTICIPATING PARTY, OR THE DIOCESE'S OR ANY PARTICIPATING PARTY'S AGENTS, BEFORE THE CONFIRMATION DATE, OR THAT OTHERWISE AROSE BEFORE THE CONFIRMATION DATE, INCLUDING ALL INTEREST, IF ANY, ON ANY SUCH CLAIMS AND DEBTS, WHETHER SUCH INTEREST ACCRUED BEFORE OR AFTER THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASE, AND INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS AND DEBTS BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF ABUSE CLAIMS AND FROM ANY LIABILITY OF THE KIND SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS 502(g), 502(h), AND 502(i) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, WHETHER OR NOT: (I) A PROOF OF CLAIM IS FILED OR IS DEEMED FILED UNDER SECTION 501 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE; (II) SUCH CLAIM IS ALLOWED UNDER THE PLAN; OR (III) THE HOLDER OF SUCH CLAIM HAS ACCEPTED THE PLAN.**

**IN A SUCCESSFUL ACTION TO ENFORCE THE INJUNCTIVE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN RESPONSE TO A WILLFUL VIOLATION THEREOF, THE MOVING PARTY MAY SEEK AN AWARD OF COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES) AGAINST THE NON-MOVING PARTY, AND SUCH OTHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE REMEDIES AS ARE JUST AND PROPER, AFTER NOTICE AND A HEARING.**

**THE DISCHARGE AND INJUNCTIONS CONTAINED IN THE PLAN AND THE RELEASES PROVIDED UNDER THE PLAN DO NOT RELEASE OR IMPAIR AN ABUSE CLAIMANT'S RIGHT TO RECOVER ON ANY ABUSE CLAIM AGAINST ANY PERPETRATOR OF ABUSE FOR ACTS OF ABUSE THAT ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE LIABILITY OF THE DIOCESE OR ANY PARTICIPATING PARTY.**

**12.2.2 *Limited Exceptions to Injunctions.***

a. Non-Participating PP Abuse Claims Excepted. The injunctions set forth in Section 12.2.1 above, and Section 12.3 below, shall not apply to prevent a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant from pursuing or enforcing his or her Non-Participating PP Abuse Claim (if any) against a Participating Party.

b. Certain Inbound Contribution Claims Excepted. The injunctions set forth in Section 12.2.1 above, and Section 12.3 below, shall not apply to prohibit the pursuit or enforcement of an Inbound Contribution Claim against a Participating Party by any Person who affirmatively indicates, by Filing a timely written objection to confirmation of the Plan, that they will not consent to having such Inbound Contribution Claim (if any) enjoined as contemplated in the Plan. Any Person who holds an Inbound Contribution Claim against a Participating Party, whether or not Filed with the Bankruptcy Court or in any Abuse Action, and who fails to File a timely written objection to confirmation of the Plan shall be conclusively deemed to consent to the injunction set forth in Sections 12.2.1 and 12.3 and shall be bound thereby.

c. Preservation of Insurance Claims.

(i) To facilitate the pursuit of Insurance Claims against Non-Settling Insurers, the injunctions set forth in Section 12.2.1 above and 12.3 below shall not prevent the prosecution of Abuse Actions against the Diocese or any Participating Party (i) by one or more Litigation Claimants authorized by the Trustee to pursue their Litigation Claims, at such Litigation Claimants' expense, in any court of competent jurisdiction solely for the purpose of determining any liability that the Diocese and/or any Participating Party may have with respect to such Litigation Claimant's Litigation Claim, and the amount of that liability; (ii) as the Trustee may deem necessary in order to prosecute the Insurance Claims against Non-Settling Insurers; or (iii) as the Trustee may deem necessary in order to effectuate settlement of any Abuse Claims; *provided, however*, that all collection efforts against the Diocese and/or any Protected Party shall be enjoined and any Litigation Award obtained as a result of litigating such Abuse Actions shall be enforceable solely against Non-Settling Insurers and not against any Protected Party.

(ii) To preserve coverage under any Non-Settling Insurer Policy, Abuse Claims will not be released or discharged as against the Diocese or any other Participating Party until the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date. For the avoidance of doubt, prior to the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date and subject to the limitations set forth in the Plan, a duly authorized Litigation Claimant or the Trust may name the Diocese or any Participating Party in a proceeding to adjudicate whether the Diocese or any Participating Party has liability for a Litigation Claim and the amount of any such liability, but recourse shall be limited to the proceeds of any Non-Settling Insurer Policies and all other damages that may be recoverable against any Non-Settling Insurers.

d. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Reorganized Diocese shall have no liability whatsoever for any Abuse Claims or Inbound Contribution Claims and any act by any Person to collect or enforce any Abuse

Claim or Inbound Contribution Claim against the Reorganized Diocese shall be permanently enjoined.

12.2.3 ***Discharge of Abuse Claims and Inbound Contribution Claims.*** Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Confirmation Order, pursuant to section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Diocese and its Estate will be discharged from: (i) all liability for any and all Inbound Contribution Claims on the Confirmation Date; and (ii) all liability for any and all Abuse Claims upon the occurrence of the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date.

The Abuse Claim Discharge Date with respect to each Abuse Claim shall be determined as follows:

a. With respect to any Filed Abuse Claim held by a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant, the Abuse Claim Discharge Date shall be the Effective Date.

b. With respect to any Unknown Abuse Claim held by a Non-Participating Abuse Claimant (to the extent the Unknown Claim Representative elects to have Unknown Abuse Claims treated as Non-Participating Abuse Claims), the Abuse Claim Discharge Date shall be the date that such Non-Participating Abuse Claimant executes and delivers to the Diocese and Trustee a Non-Participating Abuse Claim Release Agreement or a Non-Participating Litigation Claimant Agreement.

c. With respect to any Filed Abuse Claim held by a Consenting Abuse Claimant that elects treatment as a Distribution Claimant, the Abuse Claim Discharge Date shall be the date following the last date on which such Abuse Claimant could modify his or her election to become a Litigation Claimant pursuant to Section 4.3.2.b of the Plan.

d. With respect to any Filed Abuse Claim held by a Consenting Abuse Claimant who elects treatment as a Litigation Claimant and who is authorized by the Trustee to liquidate his or her Litigation Claim on or before the first anniversary of the Effective Date, the Abuse Claim Discharge Date shall be the earlier of the date on which (a) all Litigation Claims asserted by such Litigation Claimant against the Diocese and/or any Participating Party have been fully adjudicated, settled or dismissed on a final and non-appealable basis and any Non-Settling Insurers' resulting liability with respect to such Litigation Claim, as determined by settlement or Final Order, has been fully satisfied by payment in accordance with the terms of such settlement or Final Order; (b) the Abuse Claimant withdraws his or her election to be a Litigation Claimant in accordance with Section 4.3.2.a of the Plan; or (c) the Trust enters into a settlement with respect to all Non-Settling Insurer Policies that are Target Policies of such Litigation Claim.

e. With respect to any Filed Abuse Claim held by a Consenting Abuse Claimant who elects treatment as a Litigation Claimant but who is not authorized by the Trustee to liquidate his or her Litigation Claim on or before the first anniversary of the Effective Date, the Abuse Claim Discharge Date shall be the



earlier of the date on which the Abuse Claimant withdraws his or her election to be a Litigation Claimant in accordance with Section 4.3.2.a of the Plan and the first anniversary of the Effective Date.

f. With respect to any Unknown Abuse Claim held by a Consenting Abuse Claimant who elects treatment as a Distribution Claimant, the Abuse Claim Discharge Date shall be the date following the last date on which such Consenting Abuse Claimant could modify his or her election to become a Litigation Claimant pursuant to Section 4.3.2.b.

g. With respect to any Unknown Abuse Claim held by a Consenting Abuse Claimant who elects treatment as a Litigation Claimant and is authorized by the Trustee to liquidate his or her Litigation Claim within 90 days after such Abuse Claimant is notified of the amount of their award under the Allocation Protocol, the Abuse Claim Discharge Date shall be the earlier of the date on which (a) all Litigation Claims asserted by such Litigation Claimant against the Diocese and/or any Participating Party have been fully adjudicated, settled or dismissed on a final and non-appealable basis and any Non-Settling Insurers' resulting liability with respect to such Litigation Claim has been fully satisfied by payment to the Trustee by all Non-Settling Insurers implicated by such Litigation Claimant's Litigation Claim; (b) the Abuse Claimant withdraws his or her election to be a Litigation Claimant in accordance with Section 4.3.2.a of the Plan; or (c) the Trust enters into a settlement with respect to all Non-Settling Insurer Policies that are Target Policies of such Litigation Claim.

h. With respect to any Unknown Abuse Claim held by a Consenting Abuse Claimant who elects treatment as a Litigation Claimant but who is not authorized by the Trustee to liquidate his or her Litigation Claim within 90 days after such Abuse Claimant is notified of the amount of their award under the Allocation Protocol, the Abuse Claim Discharge Date shall be the date which is 90 days after such Abuse Claimant is notified of the amount of their award under the Allocation Protocol.

i. For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in sub-sections 12.2.3.a through 12.2.3.h above: (i) the Abuse Claim Discharge Date for any Abuse Claim shall be deemed to occur no later than the first day following the date on which the Trust has fully adjudicated, settled or dismissed on a final and non-appealable basis all Insurance Claims against any Non-Settling Insurers who issued Non-Settling Insurer Policies that are Target Policies of any Litigation Claimants' potential Litigation Claims, and (ii) the Abuse Claim Discharge Date for all Abuse Claims shall be deemed to occur no later than the first day following the earlier of (a) the date on which the Trust has fully adjudicated, settled or dismissed on a final and non-appealable basis all Insurance Claims against all Non-Settling Insurers and (b) the date on which the Trust is terminated.

12.2.4 ***Preservation of Insurance Claims.*** The Non-Settling Insurers remain fully liable for their obligations related in any way to the Abuse Claims, and their obligations are

not reduced by the fact that the Diocese is in bankruptcy or by the amount of any Distributions Abuse Claimants receive, or may be entitled to receive, based on the Allocation Protocol. The Trust may continue efforts to obtain recoveries from Non-Settling Insurers related to the Abuse Claims as set forth in the Plan. Any such recoveries by the Trust from Non-Settling Insurers will be added to the Abuse Claims Settlement Fund to be distributed pursuant to the terms of the Plan, the Allocation Protocol and the Trust Documents. Nothing in this Plan shall be deemed to modify or abridge any rights of the Non-Settling Insurers under their respective Non-Settling Insurer Policies.

**12.3 Channeling Injunction Preventing Prosecution of Channeled Claims Against Protected Parties.**

**IN CONSIDERATION OF THE UNDERTAKINGS OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES HEREIN, THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUST, AND OTHER CONSIDERATION GIVEN, AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, PURSUANT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SETTLEMENTS WITH THE DIOCESE AND TO FURTHER PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AND AMONG THE PROTECTED PARTIES, AND TO SUPPLEMENT WHERE NECESSARY THE INJUNCTIVE EFFECT OF THE DISCHARGE AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 524 AND 1141 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, AND PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 105 AND 363 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE:**

- 1. ANY AND ALL CHANNELED CLAIMS ARE CHANNELED INTO THE TRUST AND SHALL BE TREATED, ADMINISTERED, DETERMINED, AND RESOLVED UNDER THE PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS AND IN THE AMOUNTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS PLAN, THE ALLOCATION PROTOCOL, AND THE TRUST AGREEMENT AS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ALL HOLDERS OF CHANNELED CLAIMS.**
- 2. ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE HELD OR ASSERTED, HOLD OR ASSERT, OR MAY IN THE FUTURE HOLD OR ASSERT, ANY CHANNELED CLAIMS, ARE HEREBY PERMANENTLY STAYED, ENJOINED, BARRED, AND RESTRAINED FROM TAKING ANY ACTION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSERTING, ENFORCING OR ATTEMPTING TO ASSERT OR ENFORCE ANY CHANNELED CLAIMS AGAINST THE PROTECTED PARTIES, INCLUDING:**

**(I) COMMENCING OR CONTINUING IN ANY MANNER ANY ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND WITH RESPECT TO ANY CHANNELED CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES OR AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES;**

**(II) ENFORCING, ATTACHING, COLLECTING, OR RECOVERING, OR SEEKING TO ACCOMPLISH ANY OF THE PRECEDING, BY ANY MANNER OR MEANS, ANY JUDGMENT, AWARD, DECREE, OR ORDER WITH**

**RESPECT TO ANY CHanneled CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES OR THE PROPERTY OF ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES;**

**(III) CREATING, PERFECTING, OR ENFORCING, OR SEEKING TO ACCOMPLISH ANY OF THE PRECEDING, ANY LIEN OF ANY KIND RELATING TO ANY CHanneled CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES, OR THE PROPERTY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES;**

**(IV) ASSERTING, IMPLEMENTING, OR EFFECTUATING ANY CHanneled CLAIM OF ANY KIND AGAINST:**

**(A) ANY OBLIGATION DUE ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES;**

**(B) ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES; OR**

**(C) THE PROPERTY OF ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES.**

**(V) TAKING ANY ACT, IN ANY MANNER, IN ANY PLACE WHATSOEVER, THAT DOES NOT CONFORM TO, OR COMPLY WITH, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PLAN; AND**

**(VI) ASSERTING OR ACCOMPLISHING ANY SETOFF, RIGHT OF INDEMNITY, SUBROGATION, CONTRIBUTION, OR RECOUPMENT OF ANY KIND AGAINST AN OBLIGATION DUE TO ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES, OR THE PROPERTY OF ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES.**

**NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS SECTION 12 OR OTHERWISE IN THE PLAN, LITIGATION CLAIMANTS AND THE TRUST SHALL BE PERMITTED TO NAME THE DIOCESE AND ANY OTHER PROTECTED PARTY IN ANY PROCEEDING TO RESOLVE WHETHER THE DIOCESE OR SUCH OTHER PROTECTED PARTY HAS LIABILITY FOR A LITIGATION CLAIM, AND THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH LIABILITY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM NON-SETTLING INSURERS UNDER THE NON-SETTLING INSURER POLICIES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURSUING ANY AND ALL INSURANCE CLAIMS AGAINST THE NON-SETTLING INSURERS. ANY SUCH JUDGMENTS OR AWARDS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE TRUST FOR DISTRIBUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.6 OF THIS PLAN. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, RECOURSE WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL LITIGATION CLAIMS IS EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE PROCEEDS OF NON-SETTLING INSURER POLICIES AND ALL OTHER COSTS AND/OR DAMAGES THAT MAY BE RECOVERABLE AGAINST ANY NON-SETTLING INSURERS, AS AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THIS PLAN.**

**THE CHANNELING INJUNCTION IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS PLAN AND IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PLAN'S CONSUMMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE CHANNELING OF THE CHanneled CLAIMS AS**

**PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION 12.3 OF THE PLAN SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES. IN A SUCCESSFUL ACTION TO ENFORCE THE INJUNCTIVE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN RESPONSE TO A WILLFUL VIOLATION THEREOF, THE MOVING PARTY MAY SEEK AN AWARD OF COSTS (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES) AGAINST THE NON-MOVING PARTY, AND SUCH OTHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE REMEDIES AS ARE JUST AND PROPER, AFTER NOTICE AND A HEARING.**

**12.4 Supplemental Settling Insurer Injunction.**

**PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 105(a), 363, AND 1129 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE UNDERTAKINGS OF THE SETTLING INSURERS PURSUANT TO THE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING CERTAIN SETTLING INSURERS' PURCHASE OF THE APPLICABLE SETTLING INSURER POLICIES FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL CLAIMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 363(f) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE PLAN, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE HELD, NOW HOLD, OR WHO MAY IN THE FUTURE HOLD ANY CHanneled CLAIMS ARE HEREBY PERMANENTLY STAYED, ENJOINED, BARRED, AND RESTRAINED FROM TAKING ANY ACTION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO ASSERT, ENFORCE OR ATTEMPT TO ASSERT OR ENFORCE ANY SUCH CLAIM AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS OR SETTLING INSURER POLICIES.**

**THE SUPPLEMENTAL SETTLING INSURER INJUNCTION WILL BE EFFECTIVE WITH RESPECT TO A SETTLING INSURER ONLY AS OF THE DATE THAT THE TRUST RECEIVES THE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT FROM THAT SETTLING INSURER PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE APPLICABLE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. THE SUPPLEMENTAL SETTLING INSURER INJUNCTION BARS THE ABOVE-REFERENCED ACTIONS AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS AND THE SETTLING INSURER POLICIES, BUT AGAINST NO OTHER PERSON OR THING; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NOTHING IN THIS SUPPLEMENTAL SETTLING INSURER INJUNCTION SHALL LIMIT, OR BE DEEMED OR OTHERWISE INTERPRETED TO LIMIT, THE SCOPE OF THE DISCHARGE OR CHANNELING INJUNCTION IN FAVOR OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES. THE FOREGOING INJUNCTIVE PROVISIONS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PLAN AND ARE ESSENTIAL TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION.**

**12.5 Litigation/Settlement of Certain Claims.**

**12.5.1** Except as expressly set forth in Section 12.2.2 of the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, the Channeling Injunction shall channel all Inbound Contribution Claims and all Insurer Contribution Claims, to the Trust. For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise provided in the Plan, the Allocation Protocol, or Trust Documents, the channeling of an Inbound Contribution Claim or Insurance Contribution Claim does not entitle the holder of such Channeled Claim to a Trust Distribution.

12.5.2 If, for any reason any court does not recognize the channeling of the Insurer Contribution Claims of any Insurers to the Trust, or such Insurer Contribution Claims are not channeled for any reason, then the following shall apply:

a. Settling Insurers shall retain their Insurer Contribution Claims; *provided, however, that:*

(i) Settling Insurers shall not pursue any Insurer Contribution Claim against any Non-Settling Insurer: (A) that asserts an Insurer Contribution Claim solely against the Trust; (B) whose Insurer Contribution Claim is satisfied and extinguished entirely by the application of this Section 12.5; or (C) that does not assert an Insurer Contribution Claim against them;

(ii) If a Non-Settling Insurer asserts its Insurer Contribution Claim only against the Trust, then Settling Insurers shall assign any Insurer Contribution Claims they may hold against such Non-Settling Insurer to the Trust, and the Trust shall be free to assert such Insurer Contribution Claims against such Non-Settling Insurer;

(iii) If a Non-Settling Insurer releases its Insurer Contribution Claims, if any such exist, that it may have against Settling Insurers, then such released Settling Insurers shall release their Insurer Contribution Claims against such releasing Non-Settling Insurer.

b. In any Action, including the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding, involving the Diocese, a Participating Party, or the Trust (collectively, the “Alleged Insured”) or an Abuse Claimant, as applicable, and one or more Non-Settling Insurers, where a Non-Settling Insurer has asserted, asserts, or could assert any Insurer Contribution Claim against any Settling Insurers, then any judgment or award obtained by such Alleged Insured or Abuse Claimant against such Non-Settling Insurer shall be automatically reduced by the amount, if any, that such Settling Insurer is liable to pay such Non-Settling Insurer as a result of its Insurer Contribution Claim (the “Reduction Amount”), so that the Non-Settling Insurer’s Insurer Contribution Claim is thereby satisfied and extinguished entirely. In any Action involving an Alleged Insured or Abuse Claimant against a Non-Settling Insurer, where such a Settling Insurer is not a party, such Alleged Insured or Abuse Claimant shall obtain a finding from that court or arbitrator(s), as applicable, establishing the Reduction Amount before obtaining an entry of judgment against such Non-Settling Insurer. Settling Insurers shall be required to cooperate in good faith with the Diocese and/or the Trust to take reasonable steps to defend against any Insurer Contribution Claim. In the event that the Reduction Amount is determined to be zero, then such Non-Settling Insurer shall fully reimburse the Settling Insurers their costs and expenses, including legal fees, incurred in responding to the Contribution Claim Action, including all costs, expenses and fees incurred in seeking relief from the court.

c. If an Alleged Insured or Abuse Claimant and a Non-Settling Insurer enter into an agreement settling one or more Abuse Claims, such agreement shall include a provision whereby such Non-Settling Insurer releases its Insurer Contribution Claims against Settling Insurers so long as Settling Insurers release their Insurer Contribution Claims against such Non-Settling Insurer. If such settlement agreement fails to include such a release provision, and the Non-Settling Insurer has asserted, asserts, or could assert an Insurer Contribution Claim against Settling Insurers, then any settlement amount in such settlement agreement shall be deemed automatically reduced by the Reduction Amount. In such event, the settling parties shall obtain a finding from the applicable court or arbitrator(s) of the Reduction Amount. If (i) the settlement agreement was entered into without litigation or arbitration such that no judge or arbitrator can determine the Reduction Amount, or (ii) such a reduction is not otherwise made as described above, then any Insurer Contribution Claim by any Non-Settling Insurer against any Settling Insurer shall be reduced by the Reduction Amount, as determined by the court or arbitrator(s) in which such Insurer Contribution Claim is Filed. Settling Insurers shall be required to cooperate in good faith with the Diocese and/or the Trust to take reasonable steps to defend against any Insurer Contribution Claim by a Non-Settling Insurer. In the absence of such good faith cooperation by any given Settling Insurer with respect to any given Insurer Contribution Claim, the Reduction Amount shall be zero. In the event that application of the Reduction Amount eliminates the Non-Settling Insurer's Insurer Contribution Claim, then such Non-Settling Insurer shall fully reimburse the Settling Insurers their costs and expenses, including legal fees, incurred in responding to the Contribution Claim Action, including all costs, expenses and fees incurred in seeking relief from the court.

d. If a Non-Settling Insurer asserts an Insurer Contribution Claim against any Settling Insurer, and

(i) the Trust fully indemnifies the Settling Insurer, then the Settling Insurer shall assign its Insurer Contribution Claim to the Trust; or

(ii) the Trust partially, but not fully, indemnifies the Settling Insurer for such Claim, then the Settling Insurer shall retain its Insurer Contribution Claims and may assert those Claims against the Non-Settling Insurer asserting the Insurer Contribution Claim against the Settling Insurer. Any recovery by the Settling Insurer in excess of the amount necessary to satisfy the Trust's full indemnity obligation plus the Settling Insurer's litigation costs shall be turned over to the Trust.

e. The above procedures shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, all Settling Insurers.

12.5.3 To ensure that the reduction contemplated in Section 12.5.2 is accomplished, the Settling Insurers shall be entitled to: (i) notice, within a reasonable time, of the initiation of any future Action against or future settlement negotiations with any Non-Settling

Insurer in which an Insurer Contribution Claim is asserted against any Settling Insurers, and periodic notices thereafter on at least an annual basis of the status of such Action or negotiations; (ii) the opportunity to participate in the Action or settlement negotiations, but only to the extent necessary to accomplish the reduction contemplated in Section 12.5.2; (iii) the reasonable cooperation of the applicable Alleged Insured, at the sole cost and expense of Settling Insurers, so that the Settling Insurers can assert Section 12.5.2 as a defense in any Action against any of them for any Insurer Contribution Claim; and (iv) have the court or appropriate tribunal issue such orders as are necessary to effectuate the judgment, award, or settlement reduction in order to protect the Settling Insurers from any Insurer Contribution Claim. The notice required above shall be given by: (i) the Alleged Insured that is a party to such Action or settlement negotiations; or (ii) if no Alleged Insured is such a party, the Non-Settling Insurer that is a party to such Action or settlement negotiations; or (iii) if no Alleged Insured or Non-Settling Insurer is a party to such Action or settlement negotiations, the Abuse Claimant bound by this Plan.

12.5.4 The Trust shall use reasonable efforts to obtain, from all Settling Insurers, agreements with terms similar to those contained in Section 12.5 hereof.

#### **12.6 Injunction Against Interference with Plan.**

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all holders of Claims shall be precluded and enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation and consummation of the Plan.

#### **12.7 Release by Holders of Channeled Claims.**

**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS PLAN OR THE CONFIRMATION ORDER, AND TO THE FULLEST EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ALL HOLDERS OF CHANNELED CLAIMS, INCLUDING CONSENTING ABUSE CLAIMS (THE “RELEASING PARTIES”), SHALL BE DEEMED TO PROVIDE A FULL RELEASE TO THE RELEASED PARTIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE PROPERTY FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS RELATING TO THE DIOCESE, THE PARTICIPATING PARTIES, THE ESTATE, THE CONDUCT OF THE DIOCESE’S AND THE PROTECTED PARTIES’ BUSINESSES, THE FORMULATION, PREPARATION, SOLICITATION, DISSEMINATION, NEGOTIATION, OR FILING OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR PLAN OR ANY CONTRACT, INSTRUMENT, RELEASE, OR OTHER AGREEMENT OR DOCUMENT CREATED OR ENTERED INTO IN CONNECTION WITH OR PURSUANT TO THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THIS PLAN, THE FILING AND PROSECUTION OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASE, THE PURSUIT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION OF THIS PLAN, THE SUBJECT MATTER OF, OR THE TRANSACTIONS OR EVENTS GIVING RISE TO, ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST THAT IS TREATED IN THIS PLAN, THE BUSINESS OR CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AMONG THE RELEASING PARTIES AND ANY RELEASED PARTY, OR ANY OTHER ACT OR OMISSION, TRANSACTION, AGREEMENT, EVENT, OR OTHER OCCURRENCE TAKING PLACE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**THE FOREGOING RELEASE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON THE OCCURRENCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE, EXCEPT THAT, SOLELY WITH RESPECT TO ANY ABUSE CLAIM THEY MAY HOLD, EACH CONSENTING ABUSE CLAIMANT WILL RELEASE THE DIOCESE OR ANY PARTICIPATING PARTY UPON THE OCCURRENCE OF THE ABUSE CLAIM DISCHARGE DATE APPLICABLE TO SUCH ABUSE CLAIM.**

**FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, PRIOR TO THE OCCURRENCE OF THE APPLICABLE ABUSE CLAIM DISCHARGE DATE AND SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN THE PLAN, A DULY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION CLAIMANT MAY NAME THE DIOCESE OR ANY PARTICIPATING PARTY IN A CASE OR PROCEEDING TO ADJUDICATE WHETHER THE DIOCESE OR ANY PARTICIPATING PARTY HAS LIABILITY FOR AN ABUSE CLAIM AND THE AMOUNT OF ANY SUCH LIABILITY, BUT THAT LITIGATION CLAIMANT'S RECOURSE IN SUCH CASE OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PROCEEDS OF ANY NON-SETTLING INSURER POLICIES AND ALL OTHER COSTS AND/OR DAMAGES THAT MAY BE RECOVERABLE AGAINST ANY NON-SETTLING INSURERS.**

**NOTHING IN THIS SECTION 12.7 SHALL BE DEEMED TO RELEASE ANY NON-PARTICIPATING PP ABUSE CLAIM A NON-PARTICIPATING ABUSE CLAIMANT MAY HAVE AGAINST A PARTICIPATING PARTY (IF ANY).**

**12.8 Mutual Releases.**

**EXCEPT FOR OBLIGATIONS ARISING UNDER ANY EXECUTORY CONTRACT ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED TO THE REORGANIZED DIOCESE, OBLIGATIONS ARISING UNDER THE PLAN, AND ABUSE CLAIMS SUBJECT TO DELAYED RELEASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12.7 ABOVE, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE, EACH OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES, THE COMMITTEE, THE TRUST, AND EACH CONSENTING ABUSE CLAIMANT, SHALL BE DEEMED TO WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE THAT THEY MAY HAVE AGAINST EACH OTHER, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE RELATED PERSONS. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, CONSENTING ABUSE CLAIMANTS SHALL NOT WAIVE THEIR RIGHTS TO DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE TRUST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRUST AGREEMENT AND THE ALLOCATION PROTOCOL, AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO RELEASE THEIR ABUSE CLAIMS AS OF THE APPLICABLE ABUSE CLAIM DISCHARGE DATE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL OTHER CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION ANY CONSENTING ABUSE CLAIMANT MAY HOLD AGAINST ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES SHALL BE RELEASED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT PRIOR TO THEIR RELEASE ANY SUCH ABUSE CLAIMS SHALL ONLY BE ENFORCEABLE AND COMPENSABLE PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE PLAN AND PLAN DOCUMENTS.**



**12.9 Exculpation; Limitation of Liability.**

FROM AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE, NONE OF THE EXCULPATED PARTIES SHALL HAVE OR INCUR ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY CLAIM BY ANY OTHER EXCULPATED PARTY, BY ANY HOLDER OF A CLAIM, OR BY ANY OTHER PARTY IN INTEREST, FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION (I) THAT OCCURRED FROM THE PETITION DATE THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE DATE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CHAPTER 11 CASE OR (II) IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF THIS CHAPTER 11 CASE, THE FORMULATION, NEGOTIATION, OR PURSUIT OF CONFIRMATION OF A PLAN, THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS PLAN, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PLAN OR THE PROPERTY TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS PLAN, EXCEPT FOR CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE, WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, FRAUD, OR BREACH OF THE FIDUCIARY DUTY OF LOYALTY OF ANY EXCULPATED PARTY, IN EACH CASE SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION OF SUCH BY FINAL ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION AND PROVIDED THAT ANY EXCULPATED PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REASONABLY RELY UPON THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (IF ANY) UNDER THIS PLAN. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, THE COMMITTEE, THE DIOCESE, THE REORGANIZED DIOCESE AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, BOARDS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEYS, FINANCIAL ADVISORS, EXPERTS, EXPERT WITNESSES, AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AND GRANTED BENEFITS OF SECTION 1125(e) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND THE CHANNELING INJUNCTION.

**12.10 Injunctions in Full Force and Effect.**

All injunctions and/or stays provided for in the Plan, the injunctive provisions of sections 524 and 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, and all injunctions or stays protecting any Settling Insurer that has purchased Settling Insurer Policies, free and clear of all Claims pursuant to sections 105, 363, and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, are permanent and will remain in full force and effect following the Effective Date of the Plan and are not subject to being vacated or modified.

**12.11 Injunctions and Releases Integral.**

The foregoing injunctive provisions and releases are an integral part of the Plan and are essential to its implementation. The currently pending Abuse Actions commenced by Consenting Abuse Claimants, the continuation of which would violate Sections 12.1, 12.2, or 12.3 of this Plan, the releases provided for under the Plan, or the Insurance Settlement Agreements shall be dismissed with prejudice following the Trustee's receipt of a Consenting Abuse Claim Release Agreement executed by the applicable Abuse Claimant, except for Litigation Claims (or Abuse Claims that may become Litigation Claims), which will be released upon the applicable Abuse Claim Discharge Date in accordance with Sections 12.2.3 and 12.7 of this Plan.

#### **12.12 Timing.**

The injunctions, releases, and discharges (including the Channeling Injunction and the Supplemental Settling Insurer Injunction) to which any Settling Insurer is entitled pursuant to such Settling Insurer's Insurance Settlement Agreement, the Plan, the Confirmation Order, the Final Orders approving the Insurance Settlement Agreements, and the Bankruptcy Code shall only become effective when the Trust receives payment in full of the Insurance Settlement Amount from the corresponding Settling Insurer pursuant to the terms of the Settling Insurer's Insurance Settlement Agreement, and all other conditions to the effectiveness of the Insurance Settlement Agreement are fully met.

#### **12.13 Non-Settling Insurers.**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the following shall apply to Non-Settling Insurers: (i) no Claim by an Abuse Claimant against a Non-Settling Insurer shall be a Channeled Claim; *provided, however*, any Consenting Abuse Claims which assert liability against a Non-Settling Insurer in conjunction with a Protected Party shall be Channeled Claims to the extent they assert liability against such Protected Party; (ii) no Claim by an Abuse Claimant against a Non-Settling Insurer shall be released by operation of this Plan; (iii) the injunctions provided in Section 12.1 and 12.2 of this Plan shall not apply to Claims by any Abuse Claimant against a Non-Settling Insurer; and (iv) all Claims by any Abuse Claimant against a Non-Settling Insurer are preserved.

#### **12.14 Title to and Vesting of Assets.**

All property of the Diocese and the Estate is dealt with by the Plan. Therefore, on the Effective Date, to the fullest extent allowed by sections 1123(a)(5), 1123(b)(2), 1123(b)(3), 1141(b) and 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, all property of the Diocese and the Estate, and any property acquired by the Diocese pursuant to this Plan, shall vest in the Reorganized Diocese and such property shall be free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges or other encumbrances whatsoever, except that any charitable assets subject to Donor Restrictions shall pass to the Reorganized Diocese subject to such Donor Restrictions. On and after the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided in this Plan, the Reorganized Diocese may operate and manage its affairs and may use, acquire, or dispose of such property without notice to any Person, and without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, other than any restrictions expressly imposed by the Plan or the Confirmation Order. The Diocese and the Reorganized Diocese may pay any charges incurred on or after the Effective Date for Professional Fees, disbursements, expenses, or related support services without application to the Bankruptcy Court.

#### **12.15 Continued Corporate Existence; No Successor Liability.**

12.15.1 The Diocese will continue to exist after the Effective Date as a separate entity in accordance with New York law, having tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) and applicable New York law, without prejudice to any right to alter or terminate such existence, or to change its corporate name, except as such rights may be limited and conditioned by the Plan and the documents and instruments executed and delivered in connection therewith.

12.15.2 On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Diocese may conduct business in the name of “The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York” or any derivation thereof that may be approved by the Bishop of Syracuse. At the request of the Reorganized Diocese, the Diocese shall take such steps as may be required to change its corporate name to remove any references to “The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York.”

12.15.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or otherwise, except to the extent necessary to honor any Donor Restrictions or to the extent it may expressly assume such obligations in writing on or after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Diocese shall not be liable for any Claims against, or other liabilities or obligations of the Diocese. The Reorganized Diocese shall not, and shall not be deemed under any state or federal law, or doctrine or theory of successor liability to: (i) be the successor of, or successor to, the Diocese; (ii) have, de facto or otherwise, merged with or into the Diocese; (iii) be a mere continuation or substantial continuation of the Diocese or the operations or business enterprises of the Diocese; or (iv) be liable for any acts taken, or omitted to be taken, by the Diocese prior to the Effective Date. All Persons and entities holding Liens, Claims and encumbrances, and other interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, including rights or Claims based on any successor or transferee liability, against or in the Diocese or the Residual Assets (whether legal or equitable, secured or unsecured, matured or unmatured, contingent or noncontingent, senior or subordinated), arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the Diocese, the Residual Assets, or the operation of the Residual Assets prior to the Effective Date shall be forever barred, estopped, and permanently enjoined from asserting against the Reorganized Diocese such Liens, Claims, encumbrances, and other interests, including rights or claims based on any theory of successor or transferee liability; *provided, however*, nothing herein shall prohibit any Person with standing to do so from taking any action to enforce Donor Restrictions.

#### **12.16 Identity of Trustees and Officers.**

In accordance with section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, the identities and affiliations of the Persons proposed to serve as the trustees and officers of the Diocese and the Reorganized Diocese on and after the Effective Date shall be: (i) The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse, President; (ii) Reverend John Kurgan, Vicar General, Vice President; (iii) Danielle Cummings, Chancellor, Secretary/Treasurer; and (iv) Stephen Breen, Chief Financial Officer, all of whom have served in such capacities for the Diocese prior to and during this Chapter 11 Case and each of whom is affiliated with the Universal Roman Catholic Church.

#### **12.17 Authority to Effectuate Plan.**

Upon the Effective Date, all matters provided under the Plan shall be deemed to be authorized and approved without the requirement of further approval from the Bankruptcy Court or the Diocese. The Diocese and the Reorganized Diocese shall be authorized, without further application to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, to take whatever action necessary to achieve consummation and carry out the Plan and to effectuate the transactions provided for thereunder.

#### **12.18 Binding Effect.**

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, on and after the Effective Date, the Plan shall bind all holders of Claims. Subject to the terms of the Plan, upon the Effective Date, every holder of a Claim shall be precluded and permanently enjoined from asserting against the Diocese or the Reorganized Diocese any Claim based on any document, instrument, judgment, award, order, act, omission, transaction or other activity of any kind or nature that occurred before the Petition Date.

#### **12.19 Dissolution of Committee.**

On the Effective Date, the Committee shall dissolve automatically, whereupon its members, Professionals, and Agents shall be released from any further duties and responsibilities in this Chapter 11 Case and under the Bankruptcy Code, except that such parties shall continue to be bound by any obligations arising under confidentiality agreements, joint defense/common interest agreements (whether formal or informal), and protective orders entered during this Chapter 11 Case, including any orders regarding confidentiality issued by the Bankruptcy Court or Mediators, which shall remain in full force and effect according to their terms, provided that such parties shall continue to have a right to be heard with respect to any and all applications for Professional Fee Claims.

### **SECTION 13. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

#### **13.1 By the Bankruptcy Court.**

Pursuant to sections 105, 1123(a)(5) and 1142(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, on and after the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain: (i) original and exclusive jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Case; (ii) original, but not exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all core proceedings arising under the Bankruptcy Code or arising in the Chapter 11 Case; and (iii) original, but not exclusive, jurisdiction to hear and make proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in any non-core proceedings related to the Chapter 11 Case and the Plan, including matters concerning the interpretation, implementation, consummation, execution or administration of the Plan. Subject to, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Bankruptcy Court's post-Effective Date jurisdiction shall include jurisdiction:

- a. over disputes concerning the ownership of Claims.
- b. over disputes concerning the distribution or retention of assets under the Plan.
- c. subject to the Plan Documents, over objections to Claims, motions to allow late-filed Claims and motions to estimate Claims.
- d. over proceedings to determine the extent, validity, or priority of any Lien asserted against property of the Diocese, the Estate, or the Trust, or property abandoned or transferred by the Diocese, the Estate or the Trust.

e. over motions to approve Insurance Settlement Agreements entered into after the Effective Date by the Trustee.

f. over matters related to the assets of the Estate or of the Trust, including the terms of the Trust, or the recovery, liquidation, or abandonment of Trust Assets.

g. over matters related to the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

h. over matters relating to the subordination of Claims.

i. to enter and implement such orders as may be necessary or appropriate in the event the Confirmation Order is for any reason stayed, revoked, modified, or vacated.

j. to consider and approve modifications of or amendments to the Plan, to cure any defects or omissions or to reconcile any inconsistencies in any order of the Bankruptcy Court, including the Confirmation Order.

k. to issue orders in aid of execution, implementation, or consummation of the Plan, including the issuance of orders enforcing any and all releases and injunctions issued under or pursuant to the Plan and any Insurance Settlement Agreement.

l. over disputes arising from or relating to the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any agreements, documents, or instruments executed in connection therewith.

m. over requests for allowance of payment of Claims entitled to priority under sections 507(a)(2) and 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and any objections thereto.

n. over all applications for compensation under sections 327, 328, 329, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

o. over matters concerning state, local, or federal taxes in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code.

p. over conflicts and disputes among the Trust, the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and holders of Claims.

q. over disputes concerning the existence, nature, or scope of the Diocese Discharge, including any dispute relating to any liability arising out of the termination of employment or the termination of any employee or retiree benefit program, regardless of whether such termination occurred prior to or after the Effective Date.

r. to issue injunctions, provide declaratory relief, or grant such other legal or equitable relief as may be necessary or appropriate to restrain interference with the Plan, the Diocese or its property, the Reorganized Diocese or its property, the Estate or its property, the Trust or its property, the Trustee, the Professionals, or the Confirmation Order.

s. to enter a final decree closing the Chapter 11 Case.

t. to enforce all orders previously entered by the Bankruptcy Court.

u. over any and all other suits, adversary proceedings, motions, applications, and contested matters that may be commenced or maintained pursuant to the Chapter 11 Case or the Plan.

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, nothing contained herein concerning the retention of jurisdiction by the Bankruptcy Court shall be deemed to be a finding or conclusion that (1) the Bankruptcy Court in fact has jurisdiction with respect to any and all Claims and causes of action presently asserted in, or that could be asserted in, the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding, (2) any such jurisdiction is exclusive with respect to all Claims and causes of action presently asserted in, or that could be asserted in, the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding, or (3) abstention or dismissal of the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding pending in the Bankruptcy Court or the District Court as an adversary proceeding is or is not advisable or warranted, so that another court can hear and determine such Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding. Any Court other than the Bankruptcy Court that has jurisdiction over the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding shall have the right to exercise such jurisdiction.

### **13.2 By the District Court.**

Pursuant to sections 105, 1123(a)(5), and 1142(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and 28 U.S.C. § 1134, on and after the Effective Date, the District Court shall retain original, but not exclusive, jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising under the Bankruptcy Code or arising in or related to the Chapter 11 Case.

### **13.3 Actions to Enforce the Plan.**

The Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, and the Trust may, but are not required to, commence an Action to enforce the terms of the Plan or to collect amounts owed pursuant to the Plan and any settlements set forth in the Plan or later approved by the Bankruptcy Court, which are not paid in accordance with the terms of the Plan or such settlement. Any such Action may be commenced by filing a motion with the Bankruptcy Court. On and after the Effective Date, the Trust shall have the sole and exclusive right to enforce the terms of the Plan against the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese and/or any Participating Party (except that the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any Participating Party may enforce the terms of the plan as against each other and the Trust) and may seek any appropriate remedy in law or equity from the Bankruptcy Court which shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any such Action.

### **13.4 Case Closure.**

The existence and continued operation of the Trust shall not prevent the Bankruptcy Court from closing the Chapter 11 Case upon a motion by the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, or any other Person. The Trustee shall not take any actions to unreasonably keep the Chapter 11 Case open. The Trustee, in his sole discretion, may seek to reopen the Chapter 11 Case to administer assets of the Trust. If the Chapter 11 Case is reopened upon request of the Trustee, the Trust, the Diocese, and the Reorganized Diocese shall cooperate to assure that no disbursements are made from the Estate during the period when the Chapter 11 Case is reopened, and the case shall be closed at the earliest possibility.

## **SECTION 14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **14.1 Amendment or Modification of this Plan.**

The Plan Proponents may modify the Plan at any time prior to the Confirmation Hearing, in accordance with section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. After the Confirmation Date and prior to substantial consummation, the Plan Proponents may modify the Plan, in accordance with section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, by filing a motion on notice as required under the applicable Bankruptcy Rules, and the solicitation of all Creditors and other parties in interest shall not be required unless directed by the Bankruptcy Court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, those provisions of the Plan that implement and supplement the Insurance Settlement Agreements may not be severed, waived, amended, deleted or otherwise modified without the prior written approval of all of the Settling Insurers affected by such severance, waiver, amendment, deletion or modification.

### **14.2 Revocation or Withdrawal of this Plan.**

The Plan Proponents reserve the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan prior to the entry of the Confirmation Order. If the Plan Proponents revoke or withdraw this Plan before the Confirmation Date, then this Plan shall be deemed null and void. In such event, nothing contained herein shall constitute or be deemed a waiver or release of any Claims by or against the Diocese or the Committee or to prejudice in any manner the rights of the Diocese or the Committee in any further proceedings.

### **14.3 Reports.**

Until a final decree closing the Chapter 11 Case is entered, the Diocese shall File all post-confirmation quarterly reports as required by the United States Trustee Operating Guidelines (with a copy served on the Office of the United States Trustee). The first report shall be Filed within thirty days after the end of the quarter in which the Effective Date occurs.

### **14.4 Notices.**

All notices or requests in connection with this Plan shall be in writing and given by mail or overnight mail (with a contemporaneous e-mail copy, which shall not constitute notice) addressed to:

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To the Trust or the Trustee

At the address set forth in the Trust Agreement

All notices and requests to Persons holding any Claim in any Class shall be sent to them at (i) the latest mailing address set forth in a proof of claim Filed with Stretto or the Bankruptcy Court by or on behalf of such Claimant, or to such other address as may be provided to the Reorganized Diocese or Trustee, as applicable, by such Claimant in writing; or (ii) if no such proof of claim has been Filed and no written notice setting forth a mailing address is provided by or on behalf of such Claimant to the Reorganized Diocese or Trustee, as applicable, to the mailing address set forth in the Schedules Filed by the Diocese in this Chapter 11 Case.

**14.5 Severability.**

If, prior to confirmation, any term or provision of this Plan is held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court shall have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of this Plan will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration or interpretation.

**14.6 Validity and Enforceability.**

The Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of this Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with the Confirmation Order, is valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms. Should any provision in this Plan be determined by the Bankruptcy Court or any appellate court to be unenforceable following the Effective Date, such determination shall in no way limit the enforceability and operative effect of any and all other provisions of this Plan.

**14.7 Controlling Documents.**

In the event and to the extent that any provision of the Plan or the Trust Documents is inconsistent with any provision of the Disclosure Statement, the provisions of the Plan or the Trust Documents, as applicable, shall control and take precedence. In the event and to the extent that



any provision of the Trust Documents is inconsistent with any provision of the Plan, the Plan shall control and take precedence. In the event and to the extent that any provision of the Confirmation Order is inconsistent with any provision of the Plan or the Trust Documents, the provisions of the Confirmation Order shall control and take precedence.

**14.8 Filing of Additional Documents.**

At any time before substantial consummation of the Plan, the Diocese, the Trust, or the Reorganized Diocese, as appropriate, may File with the Bankruptcy Court or execute, as appropriate, such agreements and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan, or otherwise to comply with applicable law.

**14.9 Direction to a Party.**

On or after the Effective Date, the Trustee, the Diocese, or the Reorganized Diocese, as applicable, may apply to the Bankruptcy Court for entry of an Order directing any Person to execute or deliver or to join in the execution or delivery of any instrument or document reasonably necessary or reasonably appropriate to effect the transfer of properties dealt with by the Plan, and to perform any other act (including satisfaction of any lien or security interest) that is reasonably necessary or reasonably appropriate for the consummation of the Plan.

**14.10 Certain Actions.**

By reason of entry of the Confirmation Order prior to, on, or after the Effective Date (as appropriate), all matters provided for under the Plan that would otherwise require approval of the officers or trustees of the Diocese under the Plan, including: (i) the adoption, execution, delivery, and implementation of all contracts, leases, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents related to the Plan; and (ii) the adoption, execution and implementation of other matters provided for under the Plan involving the Diocese or the organizational structure of the Diocese shall be deemed to have occurred and shall be in effect prior to, on, or after the Effective Date (as appropriate), pursuant to applicable non-bankruptcy law, without any requirement of further action by the officers or trustees of the Diocese.

**14.11 Waiver of Subordination.**

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, all holders of Claims shall be deemed to have waived any and all contractual subordination rights to which they may have with respect to the Distributions made pursuant to the Plan, and the Confirmation Order shall permanently enjoin, effective as of the Effective Date, all holders of Claims from enforcing or attempting to enforce any such rights against any Person receiving Distributions under the Plan.

**14.12 Reservation of Rights.**

Except as expressly set forth herein, this Plan shall have no force or effect unless and until the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order and the Effective Date has occurred.

**14.13 Plan as Settlement Communication.**

The Plan furnishes or offers or promises to furnish (or accepts or offers or promises to accept) valuable consideration in compromising or attempting to compromise Claims and/or causes of action that are disputed as to validity or amount (including Abuse Claims and the Insurance Coverage Adversary Proceeding), except as otherwise provided above. Accordingly, the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and any communications regarding the Plan or the Disclosure Statement are subject in all respects to Rule 408 of the Federal Rule of Evidence and any comparable provision(s) of applicable state law precluding their use as evidence of liability for, or the validity, or invalidity of, any Disputed Claim or cause of action.

**14.14 Governing Law.**

Unless a rule of law or procedure is supplied by federal law (including the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules) or unless otherwise specifically stated, the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws, shall govern the rights, obligations, construction, and implementation of the Plan transactions consummated or to be consummated in connection therewith.

**14.15 Headings.**

Headings are used in this Plan for convenience and reference only, and shall not constitute a part of this Plan for any other purpose.

**14.16 No Admissions.**

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, nothing contained in this Plan shall be deemed as an admission by the Diocese, the Reorganized Diocese, the Committee any Participating Party, or any Settling Insurer with respect to any matter set forth herein.

*[Signature pages follow]*

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